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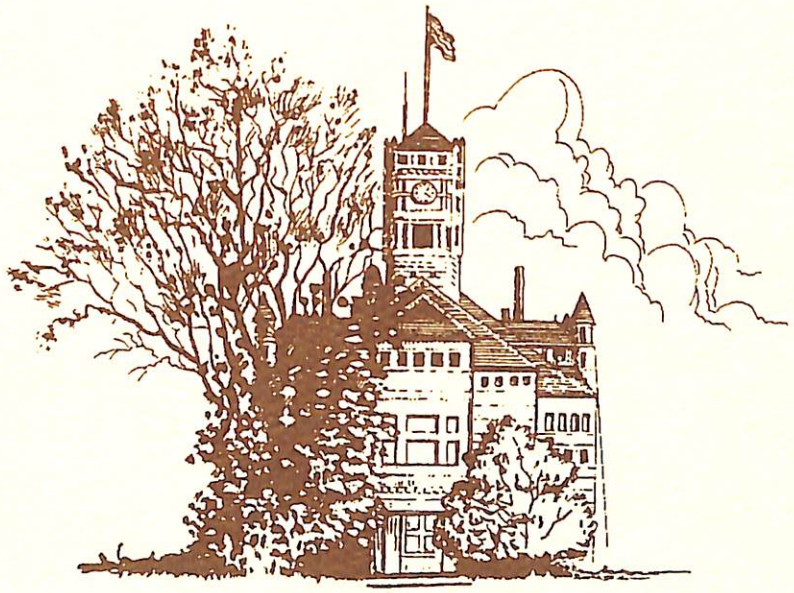

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The trustees of the Foundation hope that, with every reading and reprinting, the Memorial book will be a growing tribute to the generosity and concern of the Bryan area.

Early in 1983, when the publicity committee began the arduous task of searching out the histories of memorialized persons, there were 26 such memorials. Before the end of 1983, the list had grown to 34 memorials. We hope many more memorials will be added before the next printing.

It is our wish that the Memorial Book will be as much a living, growing entity in the communities as the Bryan Area Foundation itself.

Tom Voigt
Publicity Chairman and
Book Coordinator
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Chairman's Note: This is the fourth and final printing of the memorials in this book. This will constitute Volume I of the Memorial Books. New memorials received will be published in The Memorial Book, Volume II.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

It was in 1969 that two men conceived the idea of a community foundation. They were Lemuel L. Hawk, director and senior vice president of The Aro Corporation, and John Dwyer, attorney and president of the Citizens National Bank.

Between them, the two men had the basic skills needed for the job . . . a thorough grounding in finance and law, and ample enthusiasm to get the project moving. The idea had been discussed here and there, but no action had been taken. It would be, now.

Hawk and Dwyer made their plans over many noon lunches. First, they wrote to other successful foundations asking for literature, policies, experience and advice. A generous response gave the men ample resource material for guidance. The Foundation, when it finally materialized, would be structured around the time-tested practices of other successful foundations.

Next came the legal footwork, to which John Dwyer devoted many hours. Articles of incorporation had to be drawn, a charter applied for, and an exemption application filed with the Internal Revenue Service. When this work was completed, the Bryan Area Foundation became a legal entity.

The last and probably the most important task was the recruiting of officers and trustees. It was agreed that an effective board of trustees should have depth and breadth.

It was decided that the board should have twenty-six trustees, not for the dilution of responsibility but as a safeguard in decision-making. One trustee might make a mistake in judgment, but it was seen as highly unlikely that the other twenty-five would do the same.

The selection criterion for board members is the same today as it was in 1970 . . . breadth of interest in community affairs. The membership includes men and women representing a cross-section of community life . . . law, medicine, teaching, agriculture, banking, investing, manufacturing, news media, merchandising, finance, real estate and others. All these occupations, and others are to be found upon the board of trustees of the Bryan Foundation, giving the board a sensitivity to our community needs.

The real beginning was in mid-1970. At the end of that year the trustees made their first accounting of funds received and disbursed. Since then, the Bryan Area Foundation has continued to grow each year for the benefit of the Bryan area community.

For more information about giving, or
to apply for a grant, write to:

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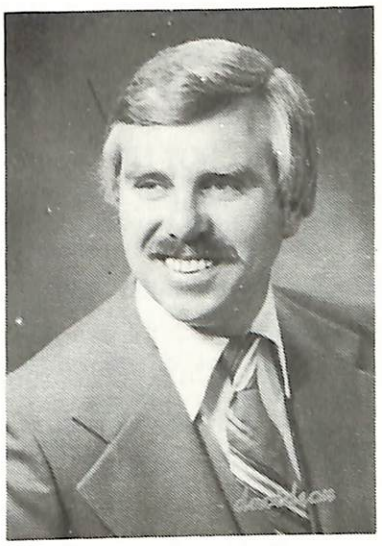
1974-1980



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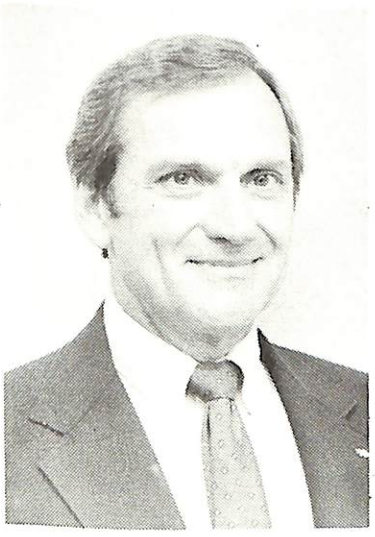

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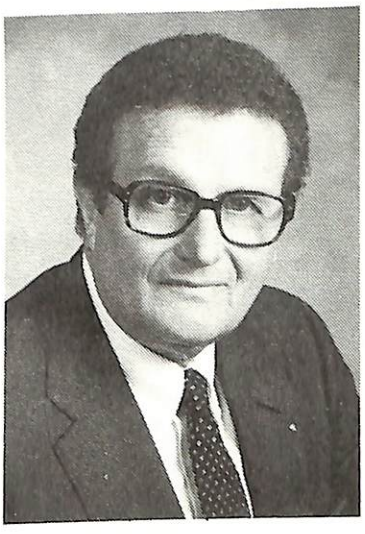

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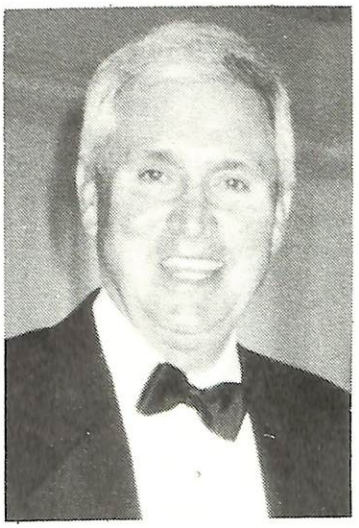


Thomas Herman
1996-Present

PURPOSES

WE ARE HERE to foster the present and permanent benefit of the Bryan area. We are primarily oriented toward community benefits, better recreational facilities and the support of worth-while public programs. The Foundation is organized as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio. We are here to help Bryan area citizens benefit their own community without having their money dissipated or directed to an eventually out-of-date objective. We are here to build up invested capital and spend only income.

WE ARE NOT HERE to do any of the following:

Spend capital.

Lock bequest into a rigid objective.

Compete with the United Fund.

Compete with the churches.

To meddle in politics or support any candidate for public office.

To influence the policies of any charity or cause to which we contribute.

Override the wishes of any donor with respect to the use of gifts or bequests.

Reinvest income. All proceeds are paid out annually.

Compete with your wife, children and other beneficiaries in your will. Remember us only after providing for these persons.

Use income for the private benefit of officers, trustees or private individuals.

MEMORIALS

One of the most effective ways to honor a deceased person is to set up a memorial fund within the Bryan Area Foundation. Many such persons have already been memorialized. Their names and brief histories are in this book.

A memorial fund is a living instrument, working for good through many generations. The donation is invested as soon as it is received. Strict by-laws of the Foundation forbid that it be spent. Instead, it begins earning income. Such income must, also according to the by-laws, be disbursed annually to a worthwhile objective, to be decided upon by the trustees.

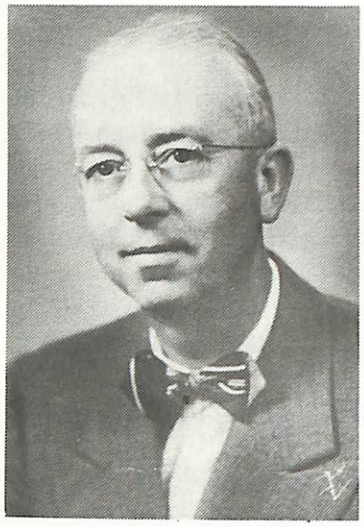
There is no limit to the number of worthwhile needs which can be met from memorial income. It may be aid for the education of a deserving student or a boost for a widely supported community project.

A fund donor has the privilege of specifying how such proceeds shall be applied. Sometimes even the most praiseworthy objective may become outdated, however. The trustees therefore urge all donors to consider the benefits of granting them discretion in the use of income.

Where a memorial fund is beyond the means of one person, several persons or organizations may consider making joint contributions. Or funds may be accumulated from a single donor, over any period of time, and then be incorporated into a memorial fund. All such contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

The minimum amount asked for a memorial fund is $5,000. A memorial fund specifying the use of the funds can be established for $25,000.

A trustee will be glad to talk to you further about a memorial fund.



Hugh A. Lindsey

HUGH A. AND AUDREY LINDSEY

Hugh A. Lindsey was born in Bryan on October 30, 1900. For over 40 years, until his death January 2, 1970, he was one of General Motors' outstanding car dealers.

He was a member of the school board for 15 years, and the present high school was constructed during his tenure. Hugh showed a deep concern for the well-being of others, and helped several young people secure a college education. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church.

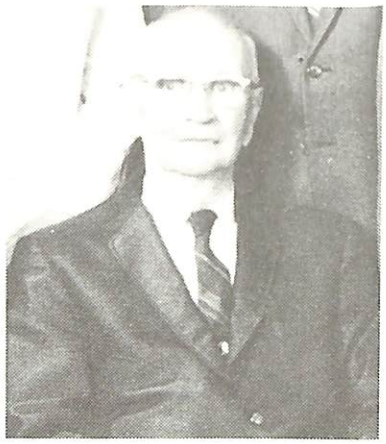
A scholarship fund honoring his memory was set up by the Foundation board of directors.

BEATTIE-COOPER

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Beattie, Jr. have established the Beattie-Cooper Memorial Scholarship in the Bryan Area Foundation. This scholarship is in memory of Rev. and Mrs. John L. Beattie, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Orion E. Cooper along with other members of the Beattie-Cooper families.

The scholarship will go to a Bryan High School graduating senior entering a program of higher education beyond the high school level. The student shall be selected on both need and scholarship, with emphasis to be on need.

CASS AND DEMAH CULLIS



Cass and Demah Cullis

Cass and Demah Cullis came to Bryan in 1923 to buy the Bryan Democrat, a twice weekly newspaper. Cass Cullis had owned newspapers in Swanton and in Buchanan, Michigan.

He was originally from Vassar, Michigan, and Demah Cullis was from Fayette, where her family were among the earliest members of the community.

He owned the Democrat in partnership with Leo Cooney and became sole owner in 1937, until 1947, when half interest was bought by his son, Ford Cullis.

The Bryan Times was formed in 1949 as a daily paper, a merger of the Cullis's Democrat and the weekly Bryan Press. Cass Cullis continued as publisher until 1976, and as an editor was widely quoted throughout the area.

Mrs. Cullis was a member of the Taine Club for many years, and held the presidency and all other offices. She was active in local dramatics in her early years in Bryan.

Cass Cullis was an amateur astronomer, and enjoyed sailing at Clear Lake. Many Bryan people had their first sailboat ride with him, and others took their first look at the craters of the moon, the moons of Jupiter and the rings of Saturn through his telescope.

He had a large collection of classical records, and played bass viola in a Bryan symphony orchestra in the 1930's.

They traveled widely, and Cass Cullis toured Russia with Ernest Spangler long before such travel became commonplace. Cass and Demah Cullis went around the world in the 1960's to attend a Rotary convention in Tokyo.

He served several terms on the Bryan Public Library Board and was secretary much of the time. He was a charter member of Rotary, past president, and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Demah Cullis died in 1977, Cass Cullis in 1980.

Their children are Mrs. Carol Hoffman, Melborne, Fla. and Ford Cullis of Bryan. Ford Cullis with his son Christopher are publishers of The Bryan Times, making the third generation of the family with the newspaper.

RUSSELL KENNETH MIGNERY

Russell Kenneth Mignery

Russell Kenneth Mignery was born December 8, 1906 in Stryker, to Louis and Mary (Seignour) Mignery. He was the youngest of a family of five boys and one girl. He was graduated from Stryker High School in 1924, and moved to Bryan two years later.

After a period of years with Stroeh's Meat Market, he began working for the First National Bank in 1929. In that same year, he was united in marriage to Leora Stauffer. Two children, Joan Leora and John Russell were born to their marriage.

In 1943 Russell left the bank to go with the Aro Equipment Corporation, where he became assistant secretary and cost accounting manager. He held these positions for 26 years, until his retirement in 1969. Following his retirement, he and Leora wintered in Florida.

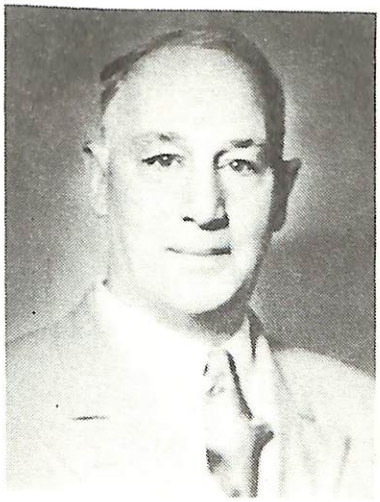
His community interests were many. He was clerk of the Bryan Board of Education for 32 years. He played basketball in high school and went with his team to state tournaments. During high school he played the violin, and played the baritone horn in the Bryan City Band.

In the First Presbyterian Church he was an elder and deacon, and served as treasurer for the building fund drive which eventually led to the construction of a new church building in 1960.

He and Leora enjoyed fishing, card playing, spending summers at their cottage and traveling. Russell also served as president of the Bryan Service Club and was a member of the Moose.

A gift of $5,000 was given by Leora Mignery to the Bryan Area Foundation as a memorial to Russell. Proceeds from the fund will be used for the benefit of area students, and for other community causes. Leora Mignery has said, "I feel the Area Foundation is very special, a fitting place for Russell's memorial. It will be a living memorial, and it will help others".

ARTHUR SPANGLER



Arthur Spangler

Arthur Garfield Spangler was born December 18, 1879 in Edgerton. The family moved to Bryan in his early childhood. He had a newspaper route during his school days, and later worked for the Wolf Clothing Store.

Arthur's high school diploma was delayed until 1900, following Army service during the Spanish-American War in Cuba. During a year in England, he sold display tables made by Yesbera Manufacturing Co. of Toledo. After returning from Europe, he spent one year at Harvard, and then worked for Yesbera and later Cole Label Company as a salesman in the east and south.

On August 20, 1906, Arthur purchased the Gold Leaf Baking Powder Co. of Defiance at a sheriff's sale. He moved his newly acquired $450 investment to Bryan, where it finally became the Spangler Company.

Arthur was married to Helen Rodgers on June 20, 1916. Two children were born to their marriage: Betty Jean, 1917 and Theodore Rodgers, 1919.

Throughout his lifetime, Arthur read widely, was active in civic affairs and politics, and evidenced a quiet but deep patriotism. He served several terms on the Bryan City Council and the Bryan Library Board. For recreation, he enjoyed playing trombone with the Bryan City Band. He served one term as a director of the National Confectioners' Association.

During World War II he headed the Williams County draft board. His memberships were in the Masonic Order, Bryan Service Club, Bryan Rotary Club, Orchard Hills Country Club (where he served a term as president) and the Clear Lake (Indiana) Yacht Club.

Arthur died of drowning in a boating accident at Snow Lake, Indiana on August 30, 1945. Three Bryan friends perished with him: Dr. C. C. Schwartzbek, Ross O. Stine and Harry Huffman.

MacDONALD-RUFF

Besse Ruff MacDonald

Besse Ruff MacDonald (d. 1975) was born in Bryan to Lyman and Nellie Connin. Her grandfather, John Connin, was the noted founder of the Bryan City Band. Her will provided for the creation of the MacDonald-Ruff Scholarship Fund within the Bryan Area Foundation. The fund was established in memory of George S. Ruff, her first husband; Lachlan Malcolm MacDonald, her second husband, and herself.

Fund income will be applied to college-level scholarships for area students seeking higher education.

George S. Ruff was born in 1881, the son of George P. Ruff and Mary Jane Elsea. He was reared on a farm at the southwest edge of Bryan, worked as a livestock dealer, and owned several farms. In his final years he lived at the corner of Main and Mulberry Streets. He died in 1916.

George S. Ruff

Lachlan MacDonald was born in 1886 at Lake Linden, Michigan in the upper peninsula. His parents were Scottish immigrants, and his father worked in the Keewenaw copper mines. In his early life, MacDonald worked on Great Lakes ore boats. He next became a partner in a malleable iron works in Wauseon. The firm went into bankruptcy, but he scrupulously paid off all his creditors.

His next move was to Bryan, where he began making Ford Automobile timers in a factory on North Portland Street. Eventually he joined the Ohio Art Company and remained there until his retirement. He ultimately attained the presidency, and remained in that office for 23 years.

MacDonald's stature was widely recognized. He was a director of the Citizens National Bank, and during 1946-47 he was president of the Toy Manufacturers Association of the U.S. His counsel was sought by the government when he was asked to tour post-war Europe and assess the potential for reconstruction of war-damaged industries.

He was active in Masonry, and rose to the 33rd Degree. His generous will made provision for bequests to the Bryan Public Library and many charitable organizations. Perhaps in memory of his boyhood fondness for winter sports, he left a special fund to the Bryan City Schools for the construction of a covered ice skating rink. In doing so, he may also have been thinking of a boyhood friend who fell through ice and drowned while skating.

Lachlan Malcolm MacDonald

GOLDIE NEWMAN

Goldie Newman was born in the late 1890's to James and Minnie (Davis) Newman. She lived her entire life in Bryan, where she owned and operated a general store on Main Street, north of the railroad tracks. She died June 18, 1973 in a local nursing home.

When her will was probated, it was discovered that she was the first person to leave a bequest to the Bryan Area Foundation from an estate. She stipulated that her legacy be held in trust and used for the prevention of cruelty to animals and for their care. This action reflected her life-long love of animals, whom she regarded as her closest friends.

Goldie's other bequests showed a devotion to her community. She deeded the 50 acre Davis Woods farm, about 2.5 miles north of Bryan, to the county commissioners. It is to be maintained as a wildlife sanctuary with no hunting permitted. Part of the farm may eventually be given to the Williams County Humane Society to be used as a facility for the care of dogs and cats.

Goldie also set up a perpetual endowment for the Jefferson Township trustees. They will use the proceeds for the care of Shiffler Cemetery northeast of Pulaski, with special attention to the Davis burial plots.

OMAR SPANGLER

Omar and Harlan Spangler

Omar Linwood Spangler (1877-1940) was born in Edgerton. His family moved to Bryan during his infancy. An acute childhood sinus problem hampered his formal education. Nevertheless, he overcame the handicap through avid reading and the self-directed development of his innate mathematical and mechanical aptitudes.

After 13 months active duty in the Spanish-American War, he returned home to marry his boyhood sweetheart, Faie Gillis. Two children were born to the marriage . . . Helen (Hurley) and Harlan.

After working as manager of the Williams County Telephone Co. until 1914, he joined his brothers at the Spangler Candy Company. He took charge of bookkeeping and accounting.

The candy factory was his livelihood, but the municipal light and water plant was his love. During his 22 years as chairman of the Board of Public Affairs, he tenderly planned each brick, nut, bolt and drop of water for the rapidly expanding facility. His reputation for integrity was known throughout the local business community and by electric power facilities of several states.

Omar wore his Masonic Shrine emblem with pride. As a devoted Presbyterian, he served as elder, treasurer and representative to presbytery and synod. In emergencies, he counseled ministers and gladly hand-pumped the organ.

"Sincerity of Purpose" would be a fitting epitaph for him.

HARLAN SPANGLER

Harlan Gillis Spangler was born in 1911 to Omar Linwood and Faie (Gillis) Spangler.

Following graduation from Oberlin College in 1933 he went to work for Spangler Candy Company. For the next 43 years, until his death in 1976, he spent his entire working career with the organization.

Harlan began as a laborer in order to learn the working details of the business. Later he became treasurer, president and board chairman. His only absence from the company was during World War II, when he served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific.

He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and treasurer for many years. In the tenor section of the chancel choir, he was able to exercise his talent and fondness for music.

His interest in community affairs was strong, and his conscientious dedication won high respect and many friendships. He was first elected to public office in 1941, when Bryan shed its village status and became incorporated as a city. When he ran for the Board of Public Affairs he was easily elected, and served two terms.

In Masonry, he was Master of Blue Lodge in 1945, and then moved on to Council, Chapter and Commandery. His other memberships included Rotary Club, Junior Achievement board and Orchard Hills board. For a time he served as president of each of these groups.

Harlan was a life-long athlete. In high school and college he played basketball and baseball, and once captured the state pole vault record. During his adult year he enjoyed golf, snow skiing and water skiing.

In 1935 he married Ernestine Brocklebank of Toledo. Four children were born to their marriage . . . Kathleen (Mrs. Harward Vashaw) and sons Douglas, Dean and Bruce.

In 1986, after many years of community service, Ernestine was presented the Bryan Area Foundation's Good Citizens Award.

DORIS NOFZIGER

Doris Nofziger was born July 24, 1894, in Bryan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. McGlenen. Wife of Henry Nofziger, the couple lived at 723 West High Street. The Nofziger's never had any children.

For many years she was the bookkeeper at Uhlman's in Bryan. She was also an accomplished pianist and organ player, having graduated from a couple of music schools. She was an organist at Faith United Methodist Church. Her memberships included the Progress Club.

Mr. Nofziger was employed by Hawk's for many years and preceded his wife in death.

ERNEST SPANGLER

Ernest Spangler

Ernest Dayton (Babe) Spangler was born in Bryan, July 22, 1883. After attending Bryan High School he worked successively in Stough's Shoe Store, the Bryan post office, Mocket's Shoe Store and in a Toledo railroad office.

At age 21, he started working with his father, Albert, as a traveling salesman for a local manufacturer of display tables. From there he went to Darling Candy Company in Toledo. In 1904 he started a candy jobbing business with Don Barnard.

Four years later, the Spangler Candy Company in Bryan had grown to the point where it could support a second partner in a modest fashion. Ernest then sold his interest to his partner, joined Arthur Spangler in Bryan and invested $400 capital in the business. It was money he and Arthur had earned on a joint paper route in their boyhood.

Ernest was united in marriage to Edith Talbot Boyer on October 12, 1909, in Philadelphia. Five sons were born to their marriage: Charles Boyer, 1911; Thomas (died at birth); Norman Ernest, 1913; Albert Talbot, 1916; and Frank Talbot, 1924.

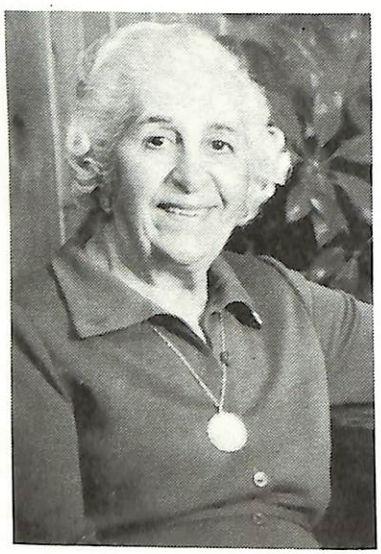
In 1929, Ernest and his family moved to Maumee, Ohio to operate the Spangler Candy and Tobacco Co. of Toledo. Today it is one of the largest candy and tobacco wholesalers in Ohio.

Ernest was a quarterback on one of Bryan High School's earliest football teams. During his adult life, he was a leader in the Boy Scouts, and president of the Bryan School Board during the '20s. In the late '40s and early '50s he was president of the Maumee School Board.

Edith, his first wife, died in 1948. In 1962, at age 79, he married Nancy Brown Young of Maumee.

Ernest died in his Maumee home in 1975, age 91.

ROSA ISAAC



Rosa Isaac

Rosa Isaac achieved a long and enviable record in the area of community betterment. Recognition came to her in 1973 on a national basis, when she was selected for listing in the 1974-75 Marquis' Who's Who of American Women.

She was born to George and Mary Isaac, in Bryan. After finishing her schooling she entered the family real estate and industrial scrap business. Until 1972 she was president of various Isaac Corporations in Bryan, Toledo, Findlay and Bowling Green. She died June 3, 1992 in Bryan.

Rosa was active on the Women's Federation board for 35 years, and served as president and civic chairman. Her work with this group was instrumental in bringing a full-time probation officer to Bryan in 1961, establishing an adult education program, arranging for a Bowling Green State University extension in the community, and promoting support for parks and recreation.

She served on the former Bryan Recreation Council, helping promote the North Side Playground which was dedicated in 1956. She was also influential in having the city purchase land for an East Side Playground. When it opened in 1970, it was named Roseland Park in her honor. She served on the Bryan Parks and Recreation Board from 1953 to 1989.

Rosa's other board memberships have been with the American Field Service and Junior Achievement. She has been an influential board member of Junior Achievement since its founding in 1961. In 1957 she helped lead a drive to provide special housing and life-sustaining equipment for a Bryanite who had become afflicted with polio.

She was an active member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, since its dedication in 1934, and served as treasurer for nearly 50 years.

Rosa died on June 3, 1992 at the age of 88.

JOHN B. DWYER III

John B. Dwyer III

John B. Dwyer III is remembered by close associates as the man who gave form and substance to the Bryan Area Foundation. He spent uncounted time researching other successful U.S. charitable foundations in order to provide the fledgling organization with a flexible, effective constitution and a set of by-laws. Through his efforts, the Foundation avoided some of the pitfalls which have beset other similar groups.

John B. Dwyer was born May 19, 1928 in Montpelier, to Dr. John B. and Bessie S. Dwyer. He was graduated from Montpelier in 1946. In his boyhood he attained the rank of Eagle Scout, and played basketball and football in high school.

He was graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. In 1952 he was graduated with a law degree at Ohio State University, where he was third in his class. In May of the same year, he and the former Sally Didier were united in marriage. Four sons were born to them.

As an Army 1st Lieutenant, Dwyer served three months at the Judge Advocate General's school in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the rest of his two-year term at the Pentagon. After leaving the Army, he joined the law firm of Fuller, Henry, Harrington and Hodge in Toledo. The Dwyers moved to Bryan in 1955 when John joined the law firm of Gebhard and Hogue.

Here he found his opportunity to become actively involved in community affairs. He served as president of the Bryan Board of Education and president of Orchard Hills Country Club. He was an elder and deacon in the First Presbyterian Church, a member of the Moose Lodge and the Chamber of Commerce and a founder-secretary of the Bryan Area Foundation.

He became president of the Citizens National Bank in 1969 and chairman of the board in 1978. In April, 1963 he became incorporator, director and first secretary of Bryan Properties. During his banking career he was instrumental in merging the West Unity Bank and Pioneer Bank with the Citizens.

He pursued all his interests actively until his death on February 17, 1980.

AL YAHRAUS

Al Yahraus

Al Yahraus was born in Chillicothe, Ohio. His career in theater management began during his school years in the late 1930's, when he started as an assistant manager in Warner Bros.' theater chain. He moved to Bryan in 1937 to manage the Temple Theater, operated by the Cleveland-based Skirball Bros.

When the Bryan Theater opened in 1940, he operated both houses. For a few years, he gave up theater management to work for Gorny-Winzeler of Bryan. In 1955 he returned to managing the local theater, and remained there until his retirement in 1980.

Al was best known to many in Bryan as "Mr. Chamber of Commerce." He served the community as executive secretary of the Chamber and the Bryan Retail Merchants Association from 1954 to 1980. Each year he was in charge of Bryan's Jubilee, and helped directly in setting up Bryan's downtown Christmas display. During his tenure, membership in the Chamber of Commerce grew to 200.

Al was secretary of Orchard Hills Country Club from 1954 to 1957, secretary of the Bryan United Fund for 13 years, assistant secretary of Bryan Properties and was active in the industrial division of the Chamber of Commerce.

He was affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio, an early member of the Bryan Area Foundation, charter member of the Bryan Lions Club, a 27-year member of the local Masonic Lodge and a member of the Moose. In 1960 he served as a deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

Shortly after Al's retirement, friends honored him with a memorial fund in his name.

Howard C. Hawk

HOWARD C. AND MARY ALLENE HAWK

Howard C. and Mary Allene Hawk moved to Bryan from Medina County, Ohio in 1916. The family founded H. C. Hawk and Son clothing store in that same year. The store is still active, and is known more conveniently as Hawks.

The Hawks had four sons. Between them they set up a fund within the Foundation to recognize outstanding citizens, those who had become distinguished over a long time span for betterment of the Bryan area.

"Jack" C. A. Hawk was active in the original partnership of H. C. Hawk & Son. Howard E. Hawk was a Columbus jeweler for 50 years. Julian Hawk, also retired, was a former managing partner in the accounting firm of Haskins & Sells, Dayton.

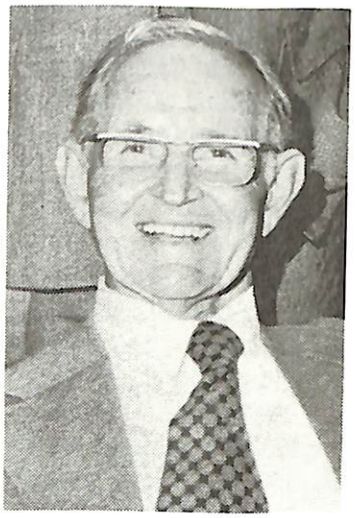
Lemuel L. Hawk, retired as senior vice president of The Aro Corporation, was one of the founders of the Bryan Area Foundation. Those who know him well credit him with a major share of the influence in turning the Foundation from a dream into a working reality.

Mary Allene Hawk

LEMUEL AND MARJORIE HAWK

Lemuel L. Hawk, co-founder of the Bryan Area Foundation with his friend, the late John Dwyer, died on May 6, 1993 at age 90.

Mr. Hawk served as a trustee of the Foundation since its inception and was the first president from 1969 to 1976. Mr. Hawk established the "Good Citizen" award through his parent's memorial, the Howard C. and Mary Allene Hawk Memorial Fund. Mr. Hawk received the "Good Citizen of the Year" award in 1984.



Lemuel Hawk

He was very active in Bryan community affairs having been a member of the Bryan Rotary Club for 50 years and a trustee of the Bryan Public Library for 21 years. He served as president of both organizations. He managed the campaign to build the Ruth Edwards Markey children's wing of the Bryan Library.

Mr. Hawk was an avid sports fan. He was a former Bryan High School athlete and co-organized the Bryan Old Timers organization. He served on the first Bryan Recreation Board and was club champion at Orchard Hills Country Club in 1954. He also served as president of Orchard Hills 1940-41 and was instrumental in its later expansion.

He came to Bryan with his parents at age 13. He graduated from Bryan High School and attended Kenyon College and Toledo University before beginning his business career at The Aro Corporation in 1930. He retired as senior vice president after 40 years. Mr. Hawk served on the board of directors of The Aro Corporation from 1938 to 1971.

In 1922 he married Marjorie Palm. Their daughter, Barbara Hampton, lives in Washington, D.C.

LOUYS JUILLARD

Louys Juillard was born June 12, 1899 to Julian and Lucy (Louys) Juillard. Two brothers and six sisters were born to the same parents. He was united in marriage to Ida Jones on April 15, 1947.

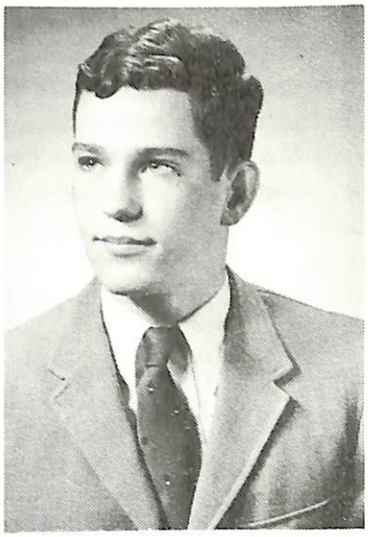
He lived on the 172-acre farm where he was born until he moved to Bryan in the middle 60's. In 1947 he purchased the farm from his mother. During his latter years he farmed 70 acres on his own, and then sold the property in 1979.

Louys was an active member of the Pulaski Methodist Church, where he served on the board of trustees for many years. He was active in Pulaski Grange, Pomona Grange and in Bryan Senior Citizens.

Among other benefactions, he funded the paving of the blacktop driveway in the Springfield Township Park.

Louys died July 3, 1981.

JACK GREENE



Jack Greene

"A little child shall lead them, a big boy can give you spirit."

These words sum up the last fourteen months of Jack Greene's life. In March, 1969, at the age of sixteen he was found to have leukemia. He died in May, 1970, just prior to graduation. He was the son of Bob and Ann Greene.

Jack gave spirit to all his activities, and he enjoyed many of them. In Bryan High School he was active in choral music and sports, and in summer he took part in the swimming program.

His physical problem put an end to his high school basketball career at the end of his junior year. But then he found a way to channel his enthusiasm into a different path. He assisted radio station WBNO in the broadcasting of local and area basketball contests, and helped cover tournaments in St. John's Arena, Columbus. He was an active member of the varsity golf team in his senior year.

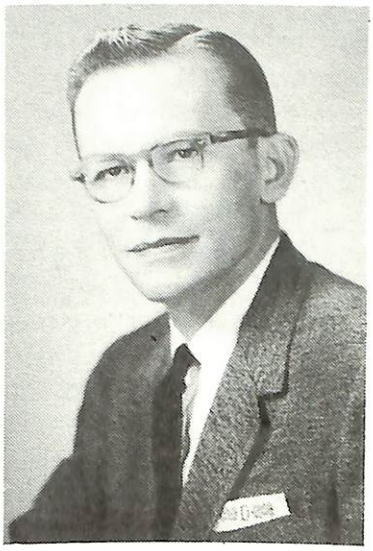
Memorial gifts from friends, relatives and area high school athletic departments formed the nucleus around which the Jack Greene Memorial Scholarship Fund was created.

Jack's father, Robert L. Greene, was born April 5, 1921 in Williams County, Ohio. He died May 12, 1992 in Tampa, Fla.

Bob was interested in continuing education. By augmenting his son's scholarship fund, a larger award could be presented each year to a Bryan High School senior who would be attending college.

Memorial donations from friends and family were given to Jack's fund as a tribute to Bob.

ORVILLE L. DALLY



Orville L. Dally

Orville L. Dally was a consummate professional musician who served many years as musical director at Bryan High School. During his tenure he initiated the string ensemble program, honed it to top-level performance standards, and had the satisfaction of seeing it become one of the outstanding orchestras in Ohio.

Cy is remembered by his many friends as leader who was at once demanding, humorous and talented, and also loving and sensitive. He was blessed with an abundance of energy and drive. He applied all these qualities to the development of the school's orchestral program.

He helped form the National School Orchestra Association, served on it for eight years as secretary and four years as president.

Cy kept his priorities in sound order, and confided to friends he would like to be remembered first as a Christian, secondly as a good father and husband, and then as a teacher of children.

Only one month before his death, he said to a friend, "I just want to teach."

His memorial within the Foundation has been established by friends who want to make his dream of a fine city auditorium come true.

In 1990, Bryan's Sesquicentennial Committee donated $5,000 to the Orville Dally Memorial Fund. It is the hope of the committee that funds generated be used to promote cultural and entertainment events in the city of Bryan.

FLORA DALE KROUSE

Flora Dale Krouse was born June 28, 1891 to Mr. and Mrs. Wallick. She grew up on a farm near Blakeslee. She was united in marriage to D.O. Horton, a Bryan real estate developer, who died in 1940. Later, she married Robert Donley and Charles Krouse, both of whom predeceased her. While living in Bryan she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. In the last few years of her life she made her home in Fort Wayne.

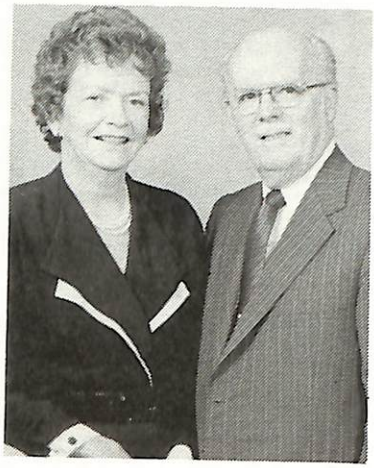
Flora died August 4, 1978. The terms of her will provided for a memorial gift to the Foundation.

GLEN AND IRMA FITZENRIDER

Glen and Irma Fitzenrider established three funds in the Bryan Area Foundation. One is the Williams County 4-H fund in 1977, the Williams County Sportsmans Educational Association and the Black Swamp Audobon Sanctuary located along the river north east of Antwerp. (Details listed under Audobon Society)

These gifts have been given during the lifetime of the donors and will support their special interests.

Glen is self-employed in the construction business and Irma has worked for the Cooperative Extension Service.



Nickie and Ted Spangler

THEODORE SPANGLER

Theodore (Ted) Rodgers Spangler was born in Bryan on January 17, 1919, to Arthur Garfield Spangler and Helen (Rodgers) Spangler. In 1936 he graduated from Bryan High School; he earned his BA at the University of Michigan in 1940, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Druids (an honorary society) and was head cheerleader.

Doris (Nickie) Nixon Spangler was born in Uledi, Pennsylvania, on August 21, 1923, to Dr. Holbert J. Nixon and Beatrice (Berner) Nixon. She was graduated from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, high school in 1941 and Denison University in 1945. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Ted and Nickie were united in marriage in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, on April 28, 1950. Their three daughters are Blair Nixon (b 1953), Drew Rodgers (b 1955) and Kim Williamson (b 1957).

In 1940 Ted went to work for Spangler Candy Company, founded by his father. The next year he was drafted into the Army, served five years in an armored (tank Battalion) unit in the Pacific, and was discharged with the rank of captain. He was awarded the bronze star medal.

He resumed his career at the factory, beginning in sales, was president from 1957 to 1968, chief executive officer from 1976 to 1979, and then chairman of the board until his retirement in 1984. He is now honorary board chairman.

His business and community activities were many: Member, Young Presidents' Organization, 1961-69; board member, World Business Council, 1977-83; board member, National Confectioners Association, 1967-80; dean, National Candy Wholesalers Association, 1975. Founding member, Bryan Area Foundation, and president 1975-81; board member, Bryan Junior Achievement for 16 years; board member, Cameron Memorial Hospitals, Bryan and Angola, Indiana, 1964-71; president, Bryan Chamber of Commerce, 1950; member, Bryan Board of Education, 1961.

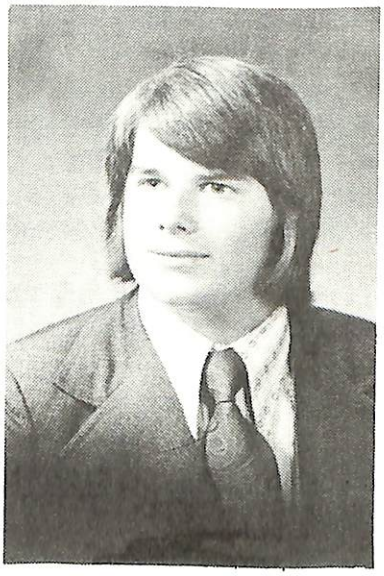
Also, Bryan Rotary Club, since 1946; 22 year member, Bryan Zoning and Planning Commission; elder, First Presbyterian Church; Shawnee Council Boy Scouts executive committee, 1964-72; twice a member of Bryan United Fund board; since 1972 a regional chairman, Ohio Republican Finance Committee. Ted and Nickie are life members of the Williams County Historical Society and the Ohio Historical Society.

W. DANIEL SHAFFER

W. Daniel Shaffer was born in 1954 to Wayne E. and Georgia Shaffer. After graduation from High School in 1972 he attended Miami University and Ohio Northern University.

He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church. He was employed as a legal assistant in his father's law office. After working hours, he was an avid fisherman and hunter.

Dan died in 1977, at age 22. A memorial in his memory was given by his parents.



W. Daniel Shaffer

E. G. (NED) MITCHELL

E. G. (Ned) Mitchell

E. G. (Ned) Mitchell was born March 25, 1909. After graduation from the University of Illinois and graduate work at Stanford University, he began a long career in the metalworking industry. He was associated with Chase Brass & Copper Co. and Western Brass, which later became Olin Industries. His reputation as an expert in non-ferrous metals was worldwide.

In 1948, Ned founded M & N Engineering Co., a design and consulting firm serving the non-ferrous field. Eight years later the firm became incorporated as MENCO, Inc. with Mitchell as president. In 1955, he founded Bryan Metals, and then began making plans for retirement. On January 1, 1969, he gave up his semi-retirement and returned to Bryan to take active control of the company.

Ned died September 6, 1970 while on a fishing trip near Pine Dale, Wyoming. At the time of his death he was living in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

It is requested that the proceeds from his memorial fund be used to help further the education of a deserving student, to be selected by the board of directors.

DALE RANDOLPH BARD

Dale Randolph Bard

Dale Randolph Bard was born near Bryan in 1885. He began his working career at the Bryan Hardware Sheet Metal Shop. In 1906 he moved to Sacramento, California to operate a large metalworking shop, turning out a variety of components for oceangoing vessels.

He returned to Bryan in 1908 and was united in marriage to Otha Young. In 1914 he founded the corporation which would soon become known as Bard Manufacturing Company.

Dale Bard's inventiveness stood him well, and he came up with many patentable furnace components. One of these, an oil-fired package unit, became a vital part of the company's product mix, and brought about a marked increase in sales.

The growing company was passed into the hands of Dale's two sons, Randolph and Lawrence, and his two grandsons, Richard and James.

Recognizing that good engineering talent is essential to the growth of any company, the Bard family set up a scholarship to aid students who major in this field.

Kathryn C. McCord

KATHRYN C. McCORD

Kathryn C. McCord was born in Toledo to Walter and Leanna Gunn. She was graduated from Bryan High School in 1931.

She was married to Harry McCord in 1933. To this happy union were born three children . . . Robert, Susan, and Bruce.

Mrs. McCord was Past Matron and secretary of Order of the Eastern Star #394, treasurer of the Stryker Chamber of Commerce for a long term, manager of the Stryker Drug Store for many years, and was secretary-treasurer of the Stryker Local Board for 10 years before her retirement in 1980.

She was a sincere and faithful member of the First Baptist Church for more than 40 years. Her family remembers her as a blue-ribbon wife, beloved mother, family anchor and a persistent homemaker.

Kathryn McCord was a pillar of strength during her last, extended illness. Her death came on June 26, 1985.

THELMA OBERLIN FORD

Thelma Oberlin Ford

Thelma Oberlin Ford was born in Williams County on December 28, 1895 to Frank Oren and Cora (Reagle) Smith. For the 60 years preceding her death in 1982 she was an active businesswoman in Bryan.

After being graduated from the Columbus College of Embalming in 1925, she received her Ohio embalmer's and funeral director's licenses. She had the distinction of being the area's only licensed lady mortician. The Oberlin & Ford Memorial Funeral Home, which she headed, continues under the ownership of her son and daughter-in-law, Earl C. and Polly Oberlin.

Thelma was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, The Presbyterian Women's Society, a life member of the Bryan Community Hospital Auxiliary, a charter member of the Bryan Business and Professional Women.

Also the Order of the Eastern Star, the V.F.W. Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Loyal Order of the Moose Auxiliary, the Pulaski Grange, Mothers of World War II, the Williams County Historical Society and the Bryan Senior Citizens Club.

Her first husband, Earl C. Oberlin, died in 1927. Her second husband, B. Burr Ford, died in 1952.

She created the Thelma Oberlin Ford Memorial Scholarship Fund in the Bryan Area Foundation, under the terms of her will.

Marilyn Patterson

MARILYN PATTERSON

Marilyn Patterson was born in Bryan on April 4, 1927 to Edward and Isabel (Ingram) Patterson. After graduation from Bryan High School, she enrolled at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Almost immediately after graduation there, she joined The Aro Equipment Corporation in 1949. Her position was in the personnel department. Later she became secretary to the manager of the advertising department. When the Williams County Panhellenic Association was founded, she became its first president.

She was the last of her family to live in Bryan. Her roots were deep within the community and the nation. Ancestor Thomas Patterson was one of General George Washington's Life Guards, and was wounded at Brandywine. Thomas' father had gone from Scotland to Ireland with the Clan Campbell in the Irish Revolution of 1798. He was captured by the British and beheaded.

Robert Patterson founded the weekly Bryan Democrat in 1863, and edited it until 1900. Bryan historians are indebted to him for his many articles on local history. He died in 1903. His home, near the northeast corner of Lynn and Maple streets, was destroyed by fire in 1948.

Marilyn died January 9, 1981. Her will made a most generous provision for the Bryan Area Foundation, and her bequest was the largest ever received to date. She also remembered the Bryan Community Hospital, and left bequests to other causes. Her constant interest was in the beautification of her community.

CARRIE CRITCHFIELD

Carrie Critchfield was born February 21, 1891 in Center Township. Her parents were James R. and Ida May (Ramsey) Oxenrider. She was married to Earl Critchfield, and survived him.

Carrie was active as a saleslady in the Davy Lee Dress Shop until her retirement. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Carrie died November 6, 1982.

Gladys Isaac

GLADYS ISAAC

Gladys Isaac was born June 3, 1916 to George Azar and Mary (Ade) Isaac, in Bryan, Ohio.

She attended Bryan public schools, and was graduated from Nyack Bible College in Nyack, New York.

Gladys was an active member of the local Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. She served as a deaconess in far flung congregations: Hartford and New Haven, Connecticut; Cleveland, Ohio; Newcastle and Muncie, Indiana; and Louisville, Kentucky. She also carried out duties and responsibilities with the family corporation in Bryan.

After a long illness, Gladys died September 7, 1980 in the Cleveland Clinic.

GLEN BIDDLE

Dr. Glen W. Biddle was born in Wauseon, Ohio on August 19, 1889, to Sam and Ella (Kessler) Biddle. On October 7, 1915 he was married to Ivah Bard.

A graduate of Toronto University, Dr. Biddle practiced veterinary medicine in Wauseon for a time and then moved to Bryan. He soon became recognized as an outstanding practitioner by fellow members of his profession. On one occasion he was offered the post of state veterinarian at Columbus, but declined the honor.

His vocation helped him pursue a lifelong interest in horses. With two other Bryan associates, Henry L. Taylor and George Mellott, he organized the Williams County Horse Breeders' Association. He helped stage the annual county horse shows, and served as association secretary. Biddle was widely known among saddle and racing horse breeders in the area.

When local interest in horses began to decline after 1940, he had to join in disbanding the association, whose funds were turned over to the Bryan Recreation park fund.

In his private life he was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and the Loyal Order of the Moose in Bryan. Dr. Biddle died in 1958.

FOREST E. WITZERMAN

Forest E. Witzerman was born October 3, 1899 to David and Nora (Neill) Witzerman, in Williams County. A life-long resident of Bryan, he began his banking career in 1918 at the Farmers' National Bank. He remained with it after it became the Citizens National Bank in 1933. Eventually he became president and board chairman, retiring in 1968.

Forest E. Witzerman

Forest was one of the original founders of the Bryan Community Chest and later the United Fund. For 30 years through 1976 he served as treasurer. Previously, he had been active in the American Red Cross.

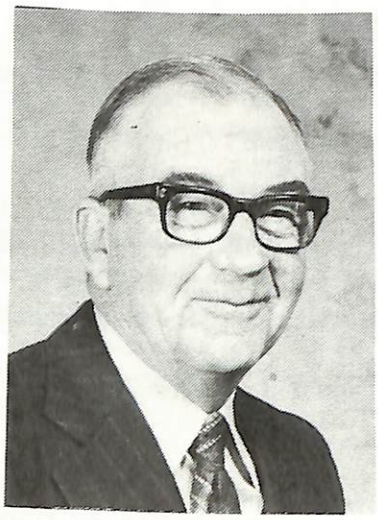
He was a founder and charter member of the Bryan Area Foundation. During the Foundation's first four years he was its secretary-treasurer. For his contributions to the organization's early progress, he was given the Bryan Area Foundation's "Good Citizen Award" in 1981.

He appeared to place no limits on his dedication to public service. From 1946-53 he was a two-term member of the board of education. During his tenure, Lincoln Elementary School was renovated, the Washington School was built and plans for a new high school began.

Forest was, for a time, sales chairman for U.S. Savings Bonds. He was a member of the former Bryan Business-men's Association and later took an active role in the Chamber of Commerce. He was a charter member of the Bryan Rotary Club, president in 1960-61 and was named a Paul Harris Fellow. Other activities kept him busy in the Boy Scouts and Junior Achievement.

In private life he was a member of the First Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council and was Sunday School superintendent for many years.

MAURICE C. SHANKSTER



Maurice C. Shankster

Maurice C. Shankster was born April 3, 1917 to Clyde and Margaret (Brannan) Shankster in Williams County. He was a life long resident of Rural Route, Bryan, Ohio.

Maurice graduated from Bryan High School after which he spent his entire life to farming. He also was Transportation Supervisor and full time bus driver for the Bryan City Schools. For a period he was school board member and clerk for the Pulaski-Jefferson School District. Maurice served in the school system for over 30 years. He was very devoted in the positions he filled.

Maurice was a member of the Pulaski United Methodist Church. He was united in marriage to June Page, September 9, 1939. They had two daughters and one son: Vondaile (Shankster) Fenicle, Carolyn (Shankster) Carey, and Garvin Shankster. Maurice enjoyed his family and work very much. Life was very meaningful to him. He will be remembered by those he associated with.

Maurice passed away September 13, 1981.

The Shankster Memorial was established by family, friends, and neighbors. The Scholarship is awarded to a Bryan High School graduating Senior who will be pursuing further education in a technical school, college, or University. He or she must have proven to be committed to attain stated goals. Their economic need and a willingness to engage in hard work is a potential that has been proven by their accomplishments.

GEORGE MELLOTT

George Mellott

George Mellott was born to Elias and Mary (Bare) Mellott in the Bryan area in 1902. As a young man, he became interested in the buying and selling of livestock and in the insurance-real estate business. He combined several small farms into Bona Vesta Farms. It was here that he set up a dairy auction building.

He began importing cattle from Canada in 1936. In his best year he brought in 3,653 animals. His auctions were widely known as a source of good dairy cattle, and he regularly shipped livestock to dairymen in more than a dozen states.

George was the first president of the Williams County Horse Breeders' Association. This was the forerunner of the annual Bryan Jubilee. He founded Mellott's Insurance and Real Estate, with offices at 203 West High Street. One of his early projects was the purchase of land to be incorporated into Mellott's Addition, between Center and Oakwood Streets.

As the dairy picture changed, George started a housing development on Bona Vesta Farms. This included apartments, a small trailer park, five additions to Bona Vesta and two to the Bonneville area. He followed this with Mellott's Addition in Montpelier, west of the municipal swimming pool.

He was united in marriage to Dolores McCarty. One daughter, Patsy, was born to their marriage.

George's dream of expanding Bona Vesta was cut short in 1971 by a paralyzing stroke, and finally a second stroke took his life in 1976.

The memorial fund established in his name has been designated for aid to young people who wish to further their talents and ambitions.

FREEMAN AND ORA BECHTOL

Freeman L. Bechtol was born on October 7, 1878 and Ora I. (Fried) Bechtol was born on February 5, 1878, both in Williams County, Ohio. Freeman and Ora were united in marriage on August 12, 1899. Following their marriage, the Bechtols spent their lives in or near Montpelier, Ohio.

In his early years, Mr. Bechtol was a farmer. He later became an automobile salesman and then ran the general store at Ainger, Ohio for many years. He later owned and operated a gasoline service station in Montpelier. Mrs. Bechtol was a homemaker. The memorial gift was made in their memory by their daughter, Dorothy B. Ness, a resident of the Bryan area.

WAYNE AND BEULAH HULBERT

Wayne & Beulah Hulbert

Wayne Martin Hulbert was born on a farm in Defiance County in 1895, and lived there until his death in 1970. When he was graduated from Hicksville High School as valedictorian, his classmate and future wife Beulah was salutatorian.

His college years were spent at Defiance College and Ohio Northern University. His education was interrupted by World War I, when he served with the Medical Corps in France.

In 1920, Wayne was married to Beulah Alice McCollough, who had been born at Six Corners in Defiance County. She attended Defiance and Bluffton Colleges. She and husband Wayne taught in one-room schools.

The Hulberts were members of the Logan United Methodist Church, where Wayne served as trustee. Beulah taught Sunday School there and helped with music and youth programs.

Wayne was a charter member of the Farmer American Legion Post, and its service officer for 24 years. He was well known in the area for his work among the veterans. Beulah served as the Auxiliary's historian, and received many honors for her work.

Three daughters were born to the Hulberts: Eloise May (d. age 3), Elinor L. (Hulbert) Bauer, a teacher in the Bryan school system, and Clarice E. (Hulbert) Moats, a former teacher and later a Bryan resident.

Education was always important to the Hulberts. Wayne served on the Farmer School Board, and Beulah was a 4-H club leader for many years. They spent long hours tutoring students to help them secure scholarships and financial aid for education.

Wayne and Beulah shared a love of God, country, people and nature. After her husband's death, Beulah continued to be active in Church and community work until her death in 1982.

William H. Ford

Henry E. Ford

FORD BROTHERS

Two brothers, William H. and Henry E. Ford were born in Defiance County, near Farmer, where they attended school. In the 1950's, both men became realtors in Williams County. Eventually they organized Ford Real Estate and Auction Service, with main offices in Bryan.

William married Maxine E. Day of Edgerton. Their three children are Judy, James and Kayln. William died April 16, 1983. Henry married Irene E. Gentry of Edgerton, whose children are Teresa and Henry Everett.

Throughout their lifetime, both men were active in community activities in Bryan and Williams County.

The family has directed that the income from their trust be given to aid a child residing in Williams or Defiance County, who is in need of any of the services of any Shrine hospital in the U.S.

SADIE ISAAC

Sadie Margaret Isaac was born in Bryan on July 6, 1907 to Mary (Ade) and George Azar Isaac. She was a life-long resident of Bryan and died September 9 at age 83.

Miss Isaac lived and worked in Fort Wayne for a few years. She operated and owned an exercise center in Bryan until retirement.

Sadie Isaac

HARVEY AND HELEN CARLIN

Harvey and Helen Carlin

Helen (Gates) Carlin was born in Williams County on a farm near Stryker, Ohio on December 21, 1900, to Arther P. and Lydia Peugeot Gates. Her first eight years of schooling were in a one room school near her home. She graduated in 1919 from Stryker High School and attended Bowling Green Normal College. She taught 2nd grade in the Stryker Public School for 5 years.

Harvey D. Carlin was born on February 28, 1903 in Williams County, and remained a county resident all his life.

He was united in marriage to Helen G. Gates on February 21, 1925. Two children were born to their marriage, Donna E. (Carlin) Bever and Wayne E. Carlin.

Harvey and Helen were in farming all of their married life. Their Williams County farms grew from 100 to 1500 acres. They custom farmed and owned one of the first mechanical corn pickers and self-propelled combines in the area.

Harvey operated his own sawmill, and performed custom sawing in the winter time and Helen enjoyed cooking, crocheting and working in her garden besides helping with the farming. Harvey was widely known and respected for his advice and expertise in farming. Many of the areas young farmers came to him for advice. Also he was an early pioneer in the practice of financial planning in all phases of farm operations. Because of his astute judgement he was elected a member of the board of directors of the Farmers State Bank of Stryker, Ohio, a post he served for many years. For a period of time he was the president of the bank.

His favorite vacation pastime was hunting in Pennsylvania and Wyoming.

Harvey and Helen were active in the Pulaski Methodist Church and the Lick Creek Church of the Brethren.

Helen passed away on April 7, 1991 and Harvey passed away on November 9, 1982.

They loved and served their community all of their lives.

MR. & MRS. G. GRANT BROWN

Mr. and Mrs. G. Grant Brown

G. Grant Brown was born October 11, 1910 to George A. Brown and Lottie (Stough) Brown. His birthplace was a farm one and one-half miles south of Pioneer. In June, 1919 the family moved to Bryan. Grant was graduated from high school there in 1929.

For the next 11 years he worked at the Citizens National Bank, and then left to enter Army service. He served in the European Theater of Operations in WW II, and was discharged in December, 1945.

After his return he opened Brownie's Drive-In restaurant at the corner of Walnut and Butler Streets. He sold the business in April, 1975.

His deep-rooted interest in Bryan and area community affairs led him into service on many boards, committees and other groups all marked by a common interest in making Bryan and the county outstanding places in which to live. Grant's service includes four years on Bryan City Council and 12 years on the Williams County Board of Commissioners.

In his 65 years' membership in Wesley United Methodist Church, he was a lay leader, a member of the board of trustees and Sunday School teacher. In the community, he has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years, was a member of the Bryan Service Club during that group's existence, and is an active member and past president of the local Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. While on the board of commissioners he was appointed to the State of Ohio Executive Board, serving as its president in 1966.

After his retirement in 1975 he devoted his time to the development of Norlick Place sub-division. This became the first sub-division in the county to have blacktop streets with curbs and gutters, its own water system, sanitary sewers and sanitary plant. It also had its own storm sewers and underground electrical wiring.

He was married in 1937 to Kathryn Long of Ottawa, Ohio. Of their four children, George and David live in Bryan. Beth Roberts lives in Alexandria, Virginia and Bettina Grandey lives in Denver, Colorado.

ROBERT D. LOWE

Robert D. Lowe

Robert D. Lowe was born to Charles R. and Myrta M. (Daso) Lowe on October 24, 1907 in Montpelier, Ohio.

He attended the University of Michigan in 1926 and 1927, and thereafter worked for 9 years in New York City in the building construction equipment business. In 1936 he returned to Bryan and until his death was engaged in the insurance business with Lowe Brothers Insurance Agency and the Andres O'Neil & Lowe Agency.

During World War II he served three years in the U.S. Army in the European Theatre, receiving a citation for participation in the Battle of the Bulge.

Bob was active in the Wesley United Methodist Church, serving as Chairman of the Memorial Committee and a member of the Building Committee and the Board of Trustees. Equally active in civic affairs, he was a founder, Trustee, and officer of the Bryan Area Foundation, member of the Bryan City Schools Board of Education from 1956 to 1964, Drive Chairman for the Bryan Community Chest and Chairman of the Bryan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

His other community memberships included American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bryan Lions Club, Bryan Masonic Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles and Orchard Hills Country Club.

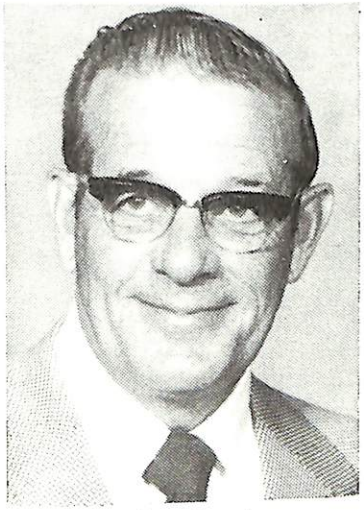
As a young man Bob was an excellent athlete. In 1925, his senior year in Bryan High School, he was a member of the basketball team that won the District Championship. As a college student he was a pitcher for the University of Michigan baseball team and while living in New York he pitched for the Mamaroneck All-Stars, a semi-pro team. Also an avid golfer, he won trophies at Westchester Country Club in New York and Orchard Hills Country Club, Bryan.

In 1941 he married Mary Watkins of Hamilton, Indiana. Their three children are Robert T., Jean and Debra.

Mary Lowe was born in Hamilton, Indiana, on February 6, 1922, to Roscoe and Georgia Watkins. Mary was an active member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, Bryan Area Foundation and charter member and past president of Bryan's Civic League.

Robert died May 5, 1984, and Mary died March 13, 1990.

ROBERT POYNTER



Robert Poynter

Robert (Bob) Poynter was born near Hillsdale, Michigan on January 4, 1920, to Max and Vera Poynter. Three years later the family moved to Bryan, as Max had purchased a plumbing business there.

Bob attended Bryan city schools and will be remembered for playing the position of center on the winning football teams of 1937 and 1938.

From the time he was eight years old he spent many hours in the plumbing shop doing errands and learning to do the numerous jobs connected with the business. After graduation from high school in 1938, Bob worked as an apprentice with his father and a year as a mechanic at Wright-Patterson Air Base in Dayton.

On June 14, 1942, he married Eugenia Critchfield and they have one child, Linda. During World War II Bob served in the U.S. Navy for three years on a landing craft as a Shipfitter First Class. There he increased his knowledge in welding and sheet metal work.

After his discharge from the Navy, Bob returned to Bryan and purchased the family business.

Bob was one of the founders of the Bryan-Montpelier Holiday Inn. He was an active member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, where he served as trustee for several years, the Bryan Masonic Lodge, Loyal Order of the Moose, American Legion and the Orchard Hills Country Club.

After a serious illness of three years, Bob passed away November 7, 1978. In 1985 the family established a scholarship fund to be awarded to a qualified student who wishes to further his or her education in one of the trades.

HERBERT ROY SPANGLER

Herbert Roy Spangler

Herbert Roy Spangler was born February 28, 1913 in Farmer Township to Roy and Edith (Crawford) Spangler. His wife, the former Lura Sholl, was born September 20, 1912 to William and Viola (Huber) Sholl of Mark Township.

Herbert and Lura were united in marriage on Mother's Day, May 10, 1936. Their three children . . . Jerrold, Duane and Lindell . . . live in the Bryan area.

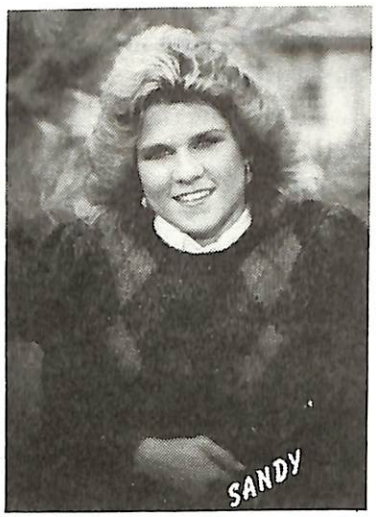
In 1932 Herbert began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse located across from Lost Creek Cemetery in Farmer Township. After 11 years he moved to West Unity, where he taught for another three years.

In 1948, Herbert and Roy Spangler, father and son, put up a building at the intersection of U.S. Rte. 6 and combined state roads 2 and what was then 384. After the relocation of Rte. 6, the business was moved across the road.

The business became widely known as Spangler Implement Sales. After Herbert's retirement, Jerrold ran the business until it was sold to Ford-New Holland in December, 1986. The senior Spanglers are active members of Williams Center Calvary United Methodist Church. They have also been involved in community activities. Present and past memberships include the Grange and Masons. Herbert was one of the original organizers of North Western Electric Co-op and served for a time on the board of trustees.

Lura and Herbert hope their gift will work for the benefit of the community.

SANDRA K. CARRICO



Sandra K. Carrico

Sandra (Sandy) Kelly Carrico was born in Indianapolis, Indiana October 3, 1966 to Dr. Norman and Lois (Lemper) Carrico. Her birth was also welcomed by a sister Pamela.

Sandy enjoyed a variety of activities at Bryan High School. She became vice-president of the senior class, a varsity letterwinner on the tennis team, a member of the volleyball team, the Rowdies softball team, Mask and Sandal, the Thespian Society and worked on the staff of Hi-Life, the high school newspaper. She served as a cheerleader and was graduated from Toledo's Barbizon School of Modeling.

Her involvement and enthusiasm gave her a marked degree of self-confidence and gave shape to her dreams for the future. But her hopes came to an end in a tragic car accident which took her life in September, 1984.

Her family wanted to give the kind of memorial which would both reflect a fulfillment of her ambition and benefit other students. It therefore seemed logical to the family to look at Sandy's love of Mask and Sandal, and her affection for all those who had given of their time and love to help make her dreams come true.

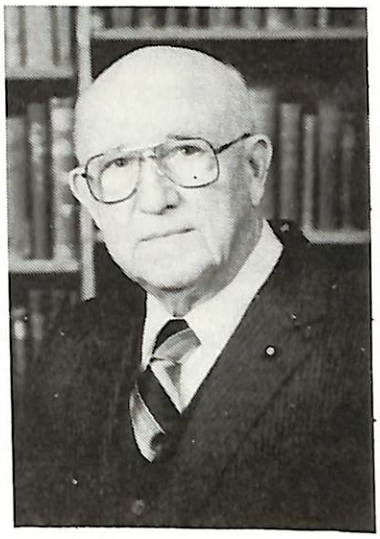
Thus, the Sandy Carrico Memorial Fund came into being as part of the Bryan Area Foundation memorial scholarship fund. It has received gifts from friends, relatives and other area groups and organizations. These persons and groups, by their generosity, have helped make Sandy's goals come true in a way she might not have imagined.

Each year a scholarship is awarded to a deserving graduate of Bryan High School who enters college intending to major in communications.

Sandy had a special poem clipped on her bulletin board and always alive in her heart. The poem moved her family to create the kind of memorial scholarship that would help others fulfill their own dreams in their own lives in a way that Sandy would have hoped for.

"Don't ever give up your dreams,
And never leave them behind,
Find them, make them yours,
And all through your life,
Cherish them, and never let them go!"

RANDOLPH O. BARD



Randolph O. Bard

Bard Manufacturing Company was incorporated in 1914 under the name of Bryan Plumbing and Heating Company, originally a residential-commercial plumbing and heating contractor.

Randolph O. Bard, born in 1910, is the son of the Founder, Dale R. Bard (1885-1944).

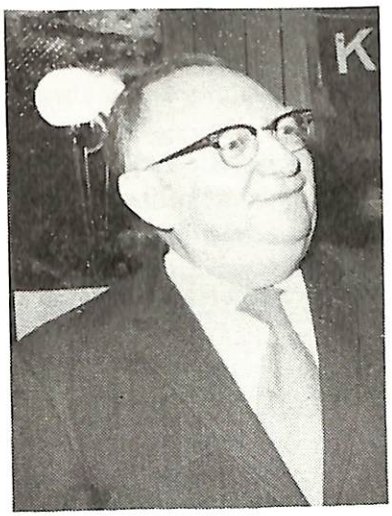
In 1926, the company began to manufacture wheelbarrows, and in 1931 the first oil furnace was patented. In 1935, the company was relocated from uptown Bryan to its present location on Evansport Road. In 1943, the company's name was changed to the present name of Bard Manufacturing Company.

While in high school, Randolph Bard worked during summers in the company, learning the business. Upon graduation from Bryan High School he immediately went to work for his father, helping him to manage the business. Not having any further education than high school, his business experience was self-taught while on the job.

Randolph Bard wore many hats throughout his career . . . Purchasing Agent, Advertising Manager, Sales Manager, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, President, and Chairman of the Board, retiring in 1981 after 54 years.

He is a charter member of the Bryan Rotary which was organized April 17, 1941. He has held offices in the community including past president of the Board of Public Affairs (1942-43).

Bard Manufacturing Company has steadily grown, and is now one of the foremost leaders in the heating and air conditioning industry. It is because of Randolph O. Bard's creativeness and business sense, that a scholarship has been named in his honor.



Paul Van Gundy

VAN GUNDY FAMILY

The Van Gundy family came to Williams County in 1919, living first on a farm at Twin Curves north of West Unity, and later on a farm at the west edge of Bryan. Mr. and Mrs. F.P. Van Gundy had seven children. Two sons, Carl William and Glen died in infancy. Their other children were Bernice (Mrs. James W. Hoag), Dorothy Reed, Lucile Hoag McDonnell, Mabel (Mrs. Ralph Weber), Elizabeth (Mrs. James Barger), R. Walter and Paul, all of whom spent a considerable part of their lives in Bryan and the surrounding area.

A fund was established by Gregory F. Van Gundy and Martin L. Van Gundy, sons of Paul and Edna (Sanders) Van Gundy on behalf of the Van Gundy family in 1985.

Paul Van Gundy, was born in Van Wert County in 1909. He attended schools in Brady Township, West Unity and Bryan, being graduated from Bryan High School in 1926. The autumn of 1926, he was employed at the Bryan Press, now the Century Press and continued with this printing business as employee, partner and owner until retiring from business in 1972.

In 1933 he was married to Edna Marie Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Sanders of Edgerton. She is a graduate of Edgerton schools and Anthony Wayne College and was a legal secretary in the county prosecuting attorney's office and in the court of common pleas of Williams County until becoming associated with management of the Century Press.

He filled a number of public positions, having been elected mayor of Bryan three times, serving as councilman three times, and director of the northwestern Ohio council of governments for law enforcement in the civil disorders of the late 'sixties and early 'seventies. After retiring in 1972 his book "Stories of the Fountain City" was published by the Bryan Area Foundation in 1975 as a prelude to the local Bicentennial Year celebration.

Three sons were born to this family. Edwin died in Bryan in 1940. Gregory, born in Columbus, Ohio in 1945, was graduated from Bryan schools, Ohio State University and Ohio State University College of Law, and resides in New York City. Martin, born in Columbus, Ohio in 1950, was graduated from Bryan schools, Purdue University, and the Puerto Rico School of Anesthesia in 1977, afterward moving to the southwestern part of the United States.

GERTRUDE & DON GEESEY

Gertrude & Don Geesey

Gertrude (Brown) Geesey was born in Pioneer, Ohio, on November 30, 1905, to Lottie A. (Slough) Brown and George A. Brown. Attending school in Pioneer until her junior year in high school, she then moved with her family to Bryan where she graduated from Bryan High School. A recipient of a degree in education from Bowling Green State University, Gertrude was an elementary teacher in the Bryan City Schools for four years prior to her marriage to Don D. Geesey in 1926.

An active member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Bryan, Gertrude served as a Sunday school teacher and as a member and officer of the United Methodist Women. Involved with many civic projects, Gertrude was also a member of the Bryan chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Women's Federated Study Clubs.

In addition, Gertrude was a life member of the Bryan Community Hospital Auxiliary and the Williams County Historical Society.

Don D. Geesey, the son of Mary (Misel) Geesey and John Clarence Geesey, was born near West Unity, Ohio. Growing up in the West Unity School system, Don was always an enthusiastic participant in sports, particularly basketball and football. He was a member of the "Speed Demons" city basketball team following his graduation from West Unity High School.

He attended business college in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and worked at the General Electric Company for four years before becoming a district superintendent for the Toledo Branch of Kroger Grocery and Bakery Company, where he was employed for fourteen years.

In 1936, Don and Gertrude moved to Bryan, where he was a salesman for Bursley Wholesale Grocery Company and Spangler Candy Company for twenty-five years.

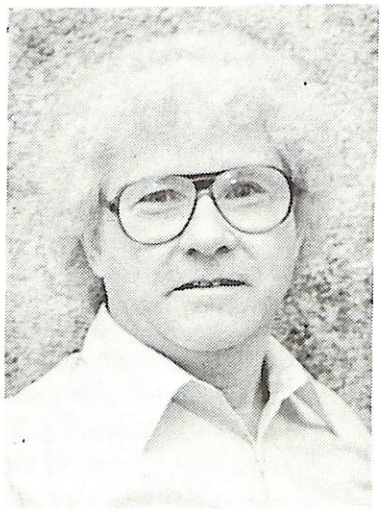
In 1961, he was elected to the office of Williams County Recorder; a position he held for sixteen years.

Don was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church in Bryan, the Methodist Men's Club, the Bryan Lions Club, Bryan Moose, Orchard Hills Country Club, and a former member of both the Williams County Cancer Society, and the Williams County Fair Board.

Gertrude and Don were the parents of a daughter Constance (Geesey) Hensal, who resides in Archbold, Ohio.

Feeling it was a great injustice for a young person with intellectual ability to be denied a higher educational experience due to his or her financial limitations, Gertrude and Don requested the establishment of an academic scholarship.

THOMAS D. SAUPPE



Thomas D. Sauppe

Thomas D. Sauppe is a retired art teacher and a life-long Ohioan.

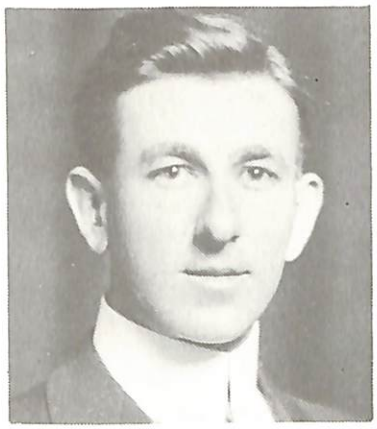
He was born in Toledo on March 9, 1929. His early education was acquired in the Cleveland suburb of Rocky River. From there he went on to Bowling Green State University, where he earned a degree in art education.

Sauppe served as an Army lieutenant from 1954 to 1956, and was primarily stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

As of 1987 he had spent 33 years in the teaching profession. He was originally employed as art supervisor for the Bryan city schools. For six years he was a part-time arts and crafts instructor for the BGSU extension program in Bryan. He was also a lecturer at Defiance college for 16 years, where he taught art methods to future teachers.

One of Mr. Sauppe's specialties is painting with an air brush. His former memberships include professional and education groups, including the northwest Ohio Art Association.

He and Grace Carr, retired supervisor of Bryan city schools cafeterias, collaborated in setting up the original Association for Recognizing Talented Students (ARTS). A senior high school arts scholarship was established by ARTS. The dual purposes of the group are to foster each member's knowledge and appreciation of art, and to grant annual recognition to a senior who plans to follow an arts related career after graduation.



Carl Clay Caulkins

CARL CLAY CAULKINS

Carl Caulkins was born on September 25, 1889 in Evansport, Ohio, the son of Frank E. and Jennie Caulkins.

He was married to Bessie Shoemaker of Hicksville, Ohio who passed away in 1955.

Carl left Evansport in 1913 to work at Willys Overland Auto in Toledo, Ohio. Upon his retirement in 1953 he was second in seniority of all employees at Willys Overland Auto.

In 1957 Carl moved to Bryan, Ohio where he made his home until his death on December 3, 1982. His principal hobbies were woodworking and making furniture, and he enjoyed fishing and hunting in Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana.

Prior to his death he expressed to his brother, Guy Caulkins, his desire to leave a portion of his estate to the Foundation for the good of the community in which he had lived. This memorial fund was established by his brother in honor of this request.

HENRY L. AND WANDA WALTERS

Henry L. and Wanda Walters

Henry L. Walters was born near Montpelier, Ohio in 1913. He graduated from Montpelier High School in 1931, and then continued his education at Bowling Green State University. He taught school for eight years in one room country schools in Williams County.

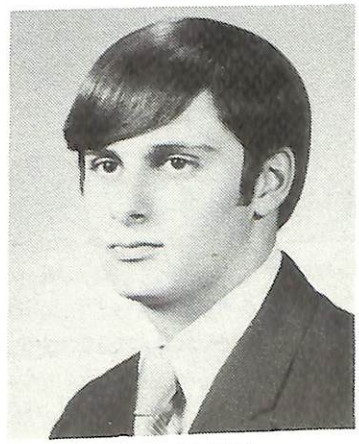
Wanda E. Patten was born near Bryan, Ohio, in 1913. She graduated from Bryan High School in 1931. Wanda and Henry were united in marriage in 1938 in Bryan, and to this marriage was born one son, Ronald H. Walters. They enjoy traveling and spending time at their summer cottage at Clear Lake, Indiana.

They are members and past officers of Pulaski Grange and Williams County Pomona Grange. They are members of Wesley United Methodist Church of Bryan. Henry has served several terms as a trustee of the church, and Wanda sang in the Church Choir for 15 years. Henry belongs to several Bryan Masonic Bodies, is a 32nd Degree Mason and member of Zenobia Shrine of Toledo. He is also a charter member of the Bryan Kiwanis Club, and is a Past President and Lt. Governor of the club, and a member of Bryan Moose Lodge.

In 1933, Henry started his insurance career by starting his own agency, which is now known as the Walters and Peck Agency of Bryan. In addition to managing the insurance agency for forty-five years, from which he retired in 1978, he was elected a Director of Grange Mutual Casualty Company in 1961, in which capacity he served until retiring in 1985.

They established a scholarship fund in order that the income from the fund may be used by a student of Bryan High School, to further education in the field of insurance, at college.

THOMAS E. PHILLIPS



Thomas E. Phillips

Thomas E. Phillips was born March 12, 1952 to Robert and Louise Mohre Phillips. He was also the grandson of the late Sam and Anna Mohre of Blakeslee. Tom was the second of eight children. He attended the St. Joseph School in Blakeslee, Ohio, and was a member of the St. Joseph's Church.

As a young man, Tom attended Edon High School, graduating with the class of 1970. Tom was a very creative young man and always had a natural talent in art. He had hoped to go to college to pursue a career in art. During his senior year, Tom was honored by receiving the Outstanding Art Student Award.

Unfortunately, Tom died accidentally on June 30, 1971 at nineteen years of age. His family has established this scholarship in his memory, and the scholarship will be presented yearly to a worthy Edon High School graduate.

MICHAEL SANDLES HARMAN

"A precious charge, so meek and mild, is Heaven's Very Special Child."

Michael Harman was born in 1948 a victim of Down's Syndrome. He was the son of Eleanor and Dennis Harman of Bryan.

As a result of Michael's handicap, Eleanor along with other area parents of mentally retarded children, joined together with the intend purpose of organizing a school to meet the needs of such "Special Children". This school was first originated in Pulaski, Ohio in the basement of the Methodist Church. Today, it is the very successful Sunnyside School. Michael's mother continued her involvement in special education by serving on the early board of Quadco.

Upon the death of Michael in 1983, his parents with the aid of Sunnyside School developed a scholarship fund in his name. The express purpose of the scholarship being to offer money for compassionate high school students who want to further their education in teaching mentally retarded children.

Dennis Harman

DENNIS N. AND ELEANOR SANDLES HARMAN

Dennis N. and Eleanor Sandles Harman were ardent supporters of the Bryan Community. They were the parents of three sons: Dennis S. Harman of Bryan, Ohio; Michael S. Harman (deceased) and David S. Harman of Orlando, Florida.

Dennis was the son of Chauncey and Ida Harman, Bryan. He was a graduate of Bryan High School where he participated in football, basketball and track.

He attended the University of Alabama and enlisted in the United States Air Force in which he served as captain and flight instructor for B 24's during World War II.

Following his service in the Air Force, he was a general contractor in highway construction. Dennis then became vice-president of operations for the Jack Nicklaus Golden Bear Enterprises in North Palm Beach, Florida. He was the builder and consultant for many golf courses, including Muirfield in Columbus, Kings Island in Cincinnati and Glen Abbey in Toronto, Canada.

He was a member of the Rotary Club, the American Legion, the Moose Lodge, the Elks Club of Hillsdale, the Ohio General Contractors Association and was the organizer of the Tuesday Golf Gang at the Orchard Hills Country Club.

Eleanor Sandles Harman

Eleanor was the daughter of Alfred and Lura Sandles of Ottawa, Ohio.

She was a graduate of Ottawa High School, attended the Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio and was a graduate of Ohio State University. She was a teacher in the Montpelier and Bryan City Schools, and active member of the Bryan Civic League, assisted in the establishment of the Womens Federation and was a board member of Quadco Rehabilitation Center. Eleanor was a member of the group which organized a school for developmentally handicapped children, originally called the Sunnyside School and now known as the Enrichment Center.

Dennis and Eleanor were charter members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

NOTE: The memorial gift to Dennis and Eleanor Harman has been included in the Michael Sandles Harman Scholarship Fund.

DREHER TRACK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship is to be given to a Montpelier High School senior who has received a varsity track award. Selection is based on a point system established by the Dreher family and selection is made by an advisory committee consisting of a member of the Bryan Area Foundation, the Montpelier varsity boys and girls track coaches, the Montpelier junior high boys and girls track coaches and the Montpelier High School athletic director.

Pete Dreher served as varsity track coach and athletic director at Montpelier High School for 28 years. He was honored by being inducted into the Ohio High School Track Coaches Hall of Fame and also the Ohio High School Athletic Directors Hall of Fame.

Pete married the former Marian Rosenberry, and they have two sons, Todd and Dean.

Marian taught in the Montpelier Primary School for twenty years.

Anthony & Phyllis Mignery

ANTHONY S. MIGNERY, JR.
PHYLLIS M. MIGNERY

Anthony (Tony) was born in West Unity, Ohio on May 2, 1920 to Anthony S. Mignery and Clela Arnold Mignery. He graduated from Bryan High School in 1938 and the University of Michigan in January 1943 with a BS degree in geology. While in high school he was active in track, basketball and all types of music including band, dance orchestra, acapella choir, chorus, and First Presbyterian choir. While in college he continued his interest in music.

He was married to Florence M. Perkins on July 5, 1943 in Waterville, Maine. Their children are Marjorie Ann, Edward Arnold, Sarah Elizabeth, and Ruth Ellen.

He served in the Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. Charger in the Atlantic and the U.S.S. Blackford in the Pacific.

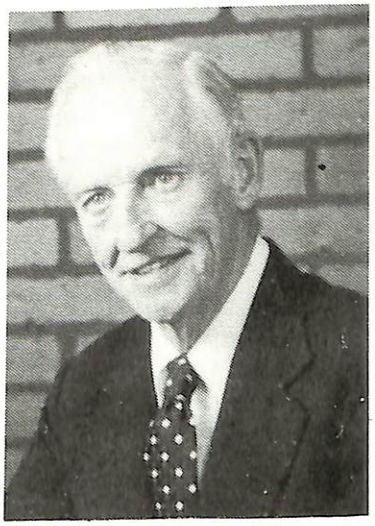
In January 1946 he joined his father in the A.S. Mignery Co., a wholesale candy, tobacco and paper products distributing firm which he managed as a partner and later owned. He continued in this business until February 1985. He was active in state and national trade associations.

Tony has been active in civic and church affairs. He has served the Community Concert Association, Junior Achievement, Bryan Area Foundation, Bryan United Fund, Bryan Charter Review Commission, director Citizens National Bank and an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He is a Paul Harris Fellow Rotarian and a past president of the Bryan Club.

His wife Florence died in December 1967. In 1971 he married Phyllis M. Mahuren in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Phyllis graduated from North Side High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana where she was active in music and drama; acapella choir, various musicals and plays. She also sang in the Trinity English Lutheran church choir for 35 years before moving to Bryan. She was a member of Women's Committee of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She has two children, James Dennis and Nancy Lynn. She has continued her interest in music in Bryan, singing in the First Presbyterian church choir and serving on the board of the Community Concert Association. The Mignerys are members of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Association and enjoy attending concerts wherever they may be.

JAMES M. O'NEIL



James M. O'Neil

James M. O'Neil, the son of Olive (Dillery) and James Claude O'Neil, was born June 12, 1912 in Arcadia, Ohio and died May 18, 1984 at the Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Living in Toledo, Ohio, he attended Fulton Grade School, Scott High School and the University of Toledo. Jim worked at the Travelers Insurance Company and the Brooks Insurance Agency in Toledo before coming to Bryan on September 3, 1946 as a partner with Earl B. Andres to form the Andres-O'Neil Agency, now the Andres-O'Neil and Lowe Agency.

He was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and served for many years on the Official Board, Finance Committee, and Landscape Committee; the Bryan Rotary Club, serving as president in 1957-58 and was made a Paul Harris Fellow; the Loyal Order of the Moose of Bryan; the Bryan Masonic Lodge and rose to the 33°; Toledo Scottish Rite; Ancient Accepted Valley of Toledo Scottish Rite; Zenobia Temple of Toledo; Royal Order of the Jesters Court 21; Northwest Shrine Club, the Williams County Conservation League; and the Orchard Hills Country Club. He was also a life member of the Defiance County Fish and Game Club, a past president of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce, and on the Board of Directors of the Citizens National Bank.

Jim loved his fellow man and nature. He planted many trees for his friends, Wesley Church, and Orchard Hills Country Club.

On October 24, 1936, he was married to Charline Jackson in Toledo, Ohio. His two sons, Michael and Patrick, and a grandson James Patrick, live in Dallas, Texas.

BRYAN LIONS CLUB

The Bryan Lions Club is one of 38,000 clubs that make up the International Association of Lions Clubs. The local club was chartered in February 1949, and now has about 85 members of which Russell Cayton, Theodore Ihrig, Thomas Johnston, Robert Kerr, George Kuehne and Donald Reineke are the last of our active Charter Members.

Today there are 1,350,000 members in more than 150 countries serving in Lions clubs. They engage in a wide variety of humanitarian activities, including several major emphasis programs such as drug awareness, diabetes education, sight conservation and work with the blind, hearing and speech and work with the deaf, citizenship services (help scouting, boys state), educational services (scholarships), social services (food collection via "Porchlight") and more.

Lions motto is simply, "We Serve," and the Bryan Club does with involvement in many community activities, such as helping with United Fund Drives, American Field Service suppers, Music Boosters' by serving refreshments at a game, Al Can and Glass collections, and more, and by several fund raising events such as Broom and Light Bulb Sales, Birthday Calendar Sales, Food Stand at Day in the Park, Pepsi at the Parade, Be Thankful You Can See Seals, and more. All funds collected from the public are deposited in a foundation Fund and returned in numerous ways through purchases of eyeglasses, grants for eye research, college scholarships, funds for Bryan Chemical Drug Abuse Program, to help purchase a fitness II Vision Tester to use with school children in Williams County, support Junior Achievement, the YWCA building fund, and more.

The Lions Constitution mandates that all clubs diligently pursue each of the following six objects.

- To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
- To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To encourage service-minded members to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

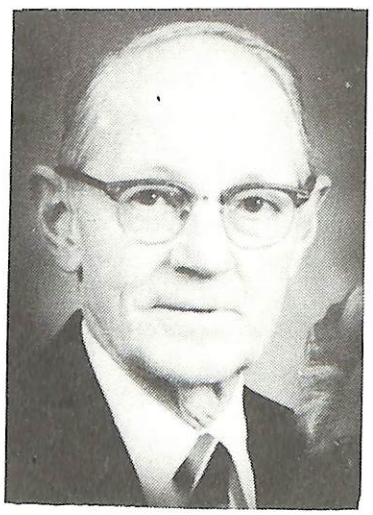
ELWIN NEWCOMER

Elwin Newcomer was born on a farm West of Bryan on March 27, 1904. He lived there nearly all of his life. His education at Bryan High School, Defiance College and Ohio State University led him to a curiosity in many fields.

His love of the land contributed to his commitment not just to use but to improve and save the farms for the needs of the future. His curiosity about heredity was exemplified by his lifetime work in developing a flock of purebred Shropshire sheep known nationally for their productivity.

He, along with his wife, Pauline, spent much time and effort in the activities of the Methodist church. Not only did they work enthusiastically for the local church, but also were involved with district and state Methodist activities. In the later years they traveled to foreign countries with the World Hunger Program to support their belief in helping people to help themselves.

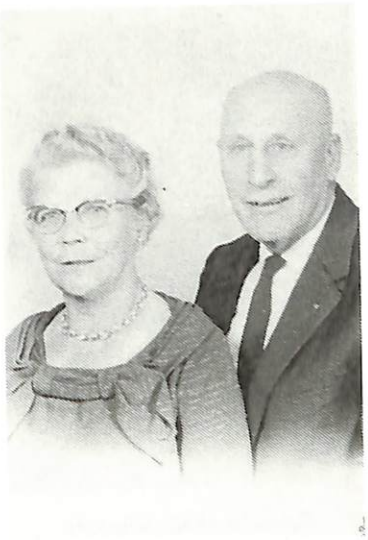
Presidency of the Defiance College Alumni Association, President of the Ohio Wool Growers, and Board of Directors of National Cooperative Association are just a few of his activities.



Elwin Newcomer

Bryan and the Bryan area will always be his home and has had his special concern and dedication during his lifetime. Positive and optimistic, he believed opportunities and better times were always ahead for us, and we should continually strive to move forward.

ARTHUR AND CLARA SPLETZER



Arthur and Clara Spletzer

Arthur and Clara Spletzer were both reared in Williams County. Before their marriage, Arthur worked as a carpenter in rural Williams County. He served in Italy during World War I. Clara was graduated from Tri-State Teachers' Normal School (now Tri-State College) and taught in one-room schools in Williams County.

Following their marriage, they lived their lives in Bryan. From 1918-1938 they were at 249 Center Street. From 1938 on they lived at 221 East Mulberry Street.

In 1919 Arthur formed the construction company that continues today under the Spletzer name. Examples of his work abound in the area, and are too numerous to list.

In civic affairs, Arthur served on the charter commission that guided Bryan from a village to a city in 1940. He and Clara were both active members of the First Lutheran church, the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary.

Arthur and Clara lived in Bryan, reared their two sons and helped build Bryan. Their lives were totally integrated into the community. There was never another place where they would have preferred to live.

Philip M & Mildred Niederaur

PHILIP M. AND MILDRED PENNELL NIEDERAUR

Philip Mitchell Niederaur was born in Bryan, October 2, 1893 and graduated from Bryan High School in 1912. He spent the summers of 1911 and 1912 at Culver Naval Academy. He entered Oberlin College and then transferred to the University of Wisconsin. He was graduated from there in 1916 with an A.B. degree in economics, money and banking.

After a brief stint at the First National bank he became commissioned as a lieutenant, j.g. in the Navy. After his discharge he returned to the bank and worked there until his retirement in 1963 as a vice-president and continued as a director.

His memberships were with the Masonic Blue Lodge and Chapter, and with the Toledo Consistory, 32nd degree, Army and Navy Class, WW I. He was president of the Bryan Businessmen's Association in 1941. During WW II, and until peace was declared, he served two nights weekly with the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Mildred (Peg) Pennell was united in marriage to Philip Niederaur, October 13, 1923. She was born in Van Wert, Ohio July 7, 1896 to Doran and Inez Craig Pennell. After graduation from high school she attended Maryland College for Women. She became a dietitian for institutions including Kellogg's of Battle Creek, Michigan and at Louisville, Chicago and New York City.

In 1941 Peg was named Outstanding Woman of the Year in Bryan for community service. She also served presidencies of the Garden Club and the Bryan Park Board. She and Phil became members of Trinity Episcopal Church when a mission was founded here in 1957.

Peg died in March, 1979. Phil died in January 1991 at age 97.

WILMA GRIM

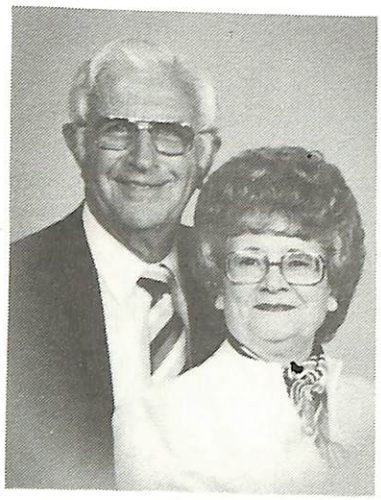
Wilma Grim

Wilma Grim was born February 2, 1903 in Bryan to Henry and Zella (Keiser) Elsasser.

She married Leland "Pete" Grim, a petroleum distributor, who died in 1972. The Grims had no children.

Mrs. Grim was a lifelong resident of the Bryan area and for many years was employed at the Holabird Company, in Bryan. She was a member of the First Brethren Church and the Bryan Business and Professional Women's Association.

Upon her death, one of the Foundation's largest funds, the Leland S. Grim and Wilma E. Grim Memorial Fund, was established.



Russell and Matilda Pettit

RUSSELL AND MATILDA PETTIT

Russell E. and Matilda M. (Smith) Pettit were born in Wabash County, Indiana and united in marriage January 20, 1935. Both were from farm backgrounds, an interest that remained a guiding factor throughout their lives. They have one daughter, Mrs. Clark J. Collins of Sylvania, Ohio, and five grandchildren.

Russell was employed at the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors in Lansing, Michigan for fifteen years. Twelve of these years he was on the executive staff, at which time he was deeply involved in school and local government. He served as president of the local school board for six of eight years and as a member of the Ingham County school board for two years. He also served twelve years on the Ingham Township Board as a trustee and as the Board member on the zoning and appeal boards of the township.

In 1949, Mrs. Pettit started managing school lunch programs in the Lansing area schools and summer camp lunch programs in children's camps in northern Michigan. At the same time Russell was hired by Michigan Elevator Exchange, the state grain cooperative, as a grain merchandiser. After one year he became Manager of the Grain Division and in four years was Works Manager and Assistant General Manager. Memberships included Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and National grain, feed agricultural dealers associations, and Grain Elevator and Processing Supervisors (GEAPS) Seaway Chapter.

In 1960 the Pettits became senior partners in Stout Construction Company, Inc. of Sylvania, Ohio, builders of grain processing and storage facilities, feed manufacturing plants and flour mills in the tri-state area. Russell retired in 1968 after becoming associated with Bryan Elevator, Inc. of Bryan. Moving to Bryan in 1972 the family immediately felt the friendliness, enthusiasm and compassion of the Bryan area people, and this led to their desire to become a part of the community project through the foundation.

The family hobbies consist of world travel and photography, starting with Russell's 124 day trip around the world in 1959. Their pictorial memoirs include motor trips through all fifty states and all but two Canadian provinces, plus many overseas trips to the remote corners of the world.

The Pettit's have spent their winters in Florida since retiring and became Florida residents in 1980. They return to Bryan area each summer.

CHARLES R. ISAAC

Charles R. Isaac

Charles R. Isaac was born September 4, 1914 and was the son of Mary (Ade) and George Azar Isaac. His parents moved from Bloudan near Damascus, Syria, in 1896 to the United States.

Charlie was very proud to be a member of the community and lived in Bryan his entire life time. He graduated from Bryan High School in 1933 where he participated in sports and excelled in football. He was married to the former Ruth Leona Hallberg in 1935 by her father, the late Rev. Carl Hallberg. Ruth and Charles raised four children, Charlene DeCamp, Charles A. Isaac, William M. Isaac, and Mary Lee Snyder.

Charlie believed in strong family relationships and was associated with the family business approximately 55 years. He was one of the principal owners of The Isaac Corporation and affiliated companies, serving as vice president and member of the board of directors for 46 years.

Charlie also made a contribution to the community by being active in several organizations. He was a 50-year member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, a member of F. & A. M. #215; York Rite: 32nd Degree Mason Scottish Rite; Zenobia Shrine of Toledo; Northwest Ohio Shrine; High Twelve Club; and several service clubs.

Charlie was the Governor of the Bryan Moose Lodge #1064 for nine years and held all the degrees of the Moose Lodge. He was a member of the Maumee Valley Legion of the Moose, received the Fellowship Degree in 1961 and, the Pilgrim Degree in 1963. During his term as governor, the new Moose building was built.

He served his country by joining the Navy during World War II.

FOREST C. AND ISABELLE M. WINELAND

Forest C. Wineland

Isabelle M. Wineland

Forest Wineland is a descendant of Daniel and Elizabeth Wineland, an early pioneer family that in 1850 moved from Knox County, Ohio, to a farm in the Jefferson Township and whose 12 children included Forest's father, Samuel.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Samuel enlisted in the 100th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was involved in several battles in addition to being taken prisoner for six months. After the Civil War he engaged in farming and the carpenters trade and married Sarah Jane Oberlin on September 17, 1868. At one time he served as Williams County Sheriff and was superintendent of the Bunker Hill Reformed Church. Their first son, Forest, was born January 2, 1881, and they also had a second son, Ray.

In 1915 Forest married Belle Swaney and they lived on the homestead while Forest's parents moved to West Unity and became members of the Presbyterian Church. Although Forest was a progressive farmer he preferred to describe himself as a pitchfork-shovel and hoe farmer. Spring work began on the Wineland farm when the sugarbush was opened and the gallons of golden maple syrup were processed and sold. During the summer months he raised corn, wheat, soybeans and tomatoes. Forest was a sportsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing and he and his wife made many trips to Indiana and northern Michigan. After 26 years of marriage, his wife died in 1941.

On February 6, 1943, Forest married Isabelle Croninger, the eldest daughter of David and Clara (Burkholder) Croninger, who was born on December 20, 1898. When two years old, Isabelle contracted polio leaving her crippled in one foot. Unable to compete at play with her classmates, she excelled as a student. After graduation from high school she enrolled at Tri-State University at Angola, Indiana, and graduated from their department of Business Education in 1920. She accepted a position in Fort Wayne but due to illness was forced to return to her parents' home. When able to resume work, she was employed at the West Unity Post Office until resigning to accept a position with the West Unity Banking Company. Isabelle was active in the West Unity Presbyterian Church and Brady Grange.

Forest and Isabelle lived on the Wineland homestead until Forest retired from farming and they moved to her home in West Unity. They continued to manage the farm and in 1965 the Williams County Historical Society presented them with a Centennial Certificate award recognizing the fact that the farm had been in the Wineland family since 1854.

For the last 24 years the Winelands spent the winter months in Port Richey, Florida, where Forest enjoyed fishing, shuffleboard and playing euchre with his friends. Forest died at the age of 95 on December 9, 1976, and Isabelle died August 8, 1987.

The Winelands left no descendants and it was because of their belief in the future of farming and education that they have generously contributed a part of their estate to be administered through the Bryan Area Foundation to not only perpetuate their memory but at the same time benefit deserving students and worthy projects in the community of West Unity and Williams County.

WILLIAMS COUNTY PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

In keeping with their tradition of recognizing deserving college sorority members, the membership of the Williams County Panhellenic Association established a scholarship fund in the Foundation in December, 1990.

This scholarship is to be given to one or more active members of a National Panhellenic Sorority who are also Williams County, Ohio, residents. Criteria for selection shall include any one or more of the following: participation in sorority, campus and community activities, academic record and financial need.

Candidates for the scholarship shall return all applications to the chairman of the Williams County Panhellenic Association scholarship chairman no later than March 31 of the year preceding the academic year for which a scholarship is awarded.

FRED I. BOWMAN TRUST
JEANNE E. MEYER MEMORIAL

Fred I. Bowman

Fred I. Bowman was born in Cassopolis, Michigan on July 31, 1888. He served his country in World War I before coming to Bryan in 1925 to work for the Bryan Washing Machine Company.

In 1929, Fred purchased the business and built a new facility at 938 West High Street under the Delite manufacturing name. Delite washing machines were manufactured in Bryan until 1940 when production was dropped. He operated the business as a washing machine repair service until his retirement in 1956. His son-in-law Charles Meyer took over the business and Speed Queen Appliances were added under the name of Charley's Appliances.

Fred was a charter member of the Bryan Rotary Club and served as a Bryan city councilman for six years. He also served as president of the council.

After the death of his first wife Gertrude in 1950, he married Treva and they spent their retirement years in Sun City, Arizona. He died at the age of 93 in Arizona. He was preceded in death by his daughter Jeanne E. Meyer in 1970.

Jeanne E. Meyer

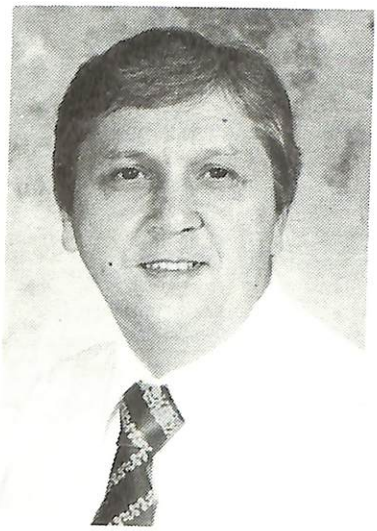
The Fred I. Bowman trust was established with a portion of the income to be used for community charitable purposes by the Bryan Area Foundation as a memorial for his only child Jeanne E. Meyer.

Jeanne was born in 1916 in Elkhart, Indiana. She lived nearly all her life in Bryan and was united in marriage to Charles Meyer on January 7, 1940. One daughter, Linda, was born to their marriage.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bryan. She was employed as a secretary of Delite Manufacturing and also worked for Everhart's Restaurant in Bryan.

She died October 22, 1970 at the age of 53.

JOHN W. BURCHFIELD



John W. Burchfield

John W. Burchfield had been a resident of Bryan since 1974. He died in an automobile accident on December 23, 1985 in Coatstown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Burchfield served as principal at the Bryan Junior High School from 1974-80. He was principal at Lincoln Elementary School from 1980-84.

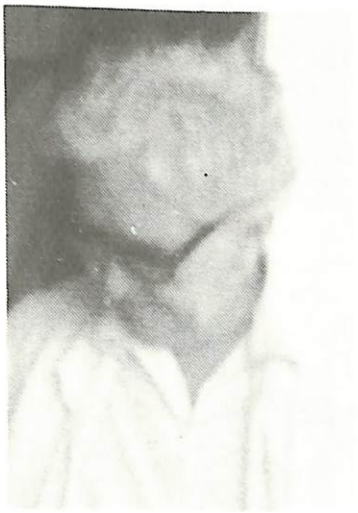
Born in Mifflintown, Pennsylvania on February 10, 1934, he was a 1951 graduate of Juniata High School, a 1961 graduate of Shippensburg State, a 1966 graduate of the University of Delaware and attended Penn State from 1968-70. He was the recipient of a Ford Fellowship grant to implement innovative teaching in a pilot school project at Mt. Pleasant Junior High School in Wilmington, Delaware.

Before moving to Bryan, Mr. Burchfield taught at Union Park Elementary School in Orlando, Florida, Marshalltown Elementary in Wilmington, Delaware, Mt. Pleasant Junior High in Wilmington, Delaware, Brandywine-Wallace Elementary in Downington, Pennsylvania, and Bluffton Elementary in Bluffton, Ohio.

Mr. Burchfield was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, Bryan Kiwanis Club and the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. He also served in the U.S. Navy for four years.

He is survived by his wife Katie; two stepchildren Todd Augsburger and Starr Augsburger; two daughters, Mrs. Dawn Hamman and Mrs. Wendy Doherty; his parents, Mrs. Cleo Hendrickson and Mr. William Burchfield; a brother Larry Burchfield and a stepsister Mrs. Doll Ann Bowersox; and four grandchildren.

HELEN M. B. SMITH



Helen M.B. Smith

Mrs. Helen Smith, who died January 27, 1988 at the age of 104 leaves to the Bryan Area Foundation an unrestricted memorial fund to be used for the general benefit of the Bryan area.

Mrs. Smith was an owner and operator of the former Christman Hotel in Bryan before retiring on December 30, 1978. Usually in her white uniform, Mrs. Smith was a familiar sight as she worked in the lobby or sat in a chair near the window of the once elegant Christman Hotel.

The 50-room Christman Hotel, which was located across from the Bryan post office on North Main Street, was known far and wide as the most prestigious hotel between Toledo and Elkhart, Indiana after its opening in 1895.

Zach Smith was made the manager of the Christman Hotel in 1895, coming from Decatur, Indiana. He acquired half interest in 1917 and married Helen Mohart Bradley of Fort Wayne, Indiana that same year. In 1922, they purchased the remaining half interest from Del Locke.

During its heydays, two presidents stayed at the Christman. President William McKinley and his family occupied 12 rooms in late July 1895. President Warren G. Harding also stayed at the Christman when he was a U.S. Senator. Zach Smith said in 1945 that practically every governor and senator from Ohio in his time had been his guest.

Before coming to Bryan in 1918, Mrs. Smith had been a World War I nurse. Her first husband Mr. Bradley was killed in World War I. The daughter of Imogene (Pursley) and Oren Mohart, she was born October 22, 1883 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. There are no immediate survivors.

Mr. Smith died in 1953 and Mrs. Helen Smith continued in the business until her retirement. The hotel was razed in 1979 and Mrs. Smith went to Paulding after 61 years in the historic hotel.

LINDA LOU FOX

Linda Lou Fox

Linda Fox was born in Bryan on November 25, 1940 to Chester D. and Helen M. (Hall) Wiley.

She had a great interest and desire in baton twirling and received many awards. At the age of three she was marching with the Napoleon High School Band at performances throughout Northwest Ohio. During her junior and senior years at Bryan High School she lead the high school marching band as drum major.

After high school, she attended and graduated from International Business College. Most of her working career was in the insurance field having been associated with the Lowe Bros. Agency in Bryan and with the Michigan Mutual Insurance Branch offices in Jackson and Birmingham, Michigan.

She was proud of her two sons Richard and Douglas and was active in Cub Scouts and the Parent Teachers while residing in Jackson. She was a past secretary for the Orchard Hills Country Club Ladies Association.

Linda had always hoped for a scholarship fund that provided for students desiring to further their education in a two-year college or technical school program. Her family and friends made this dream possible in her honor.

ROBERT S. SIMMONS

Robert Simmons was born in Bryan in 1915. He was the son of Walter and Alice Simmons. He was married to Ruth Simmons who preceded him in death in 1988.

Robert served in the United States Army during World War II and was a resident of Montpelier for most of his adult life. After his service in the military he worked for many years as a machine operator for the Vistron Corporation in Bryan.

At Robert's death on November 15, 1989 he was survived by two brothers and a sister. His will left his estate to the Foundation as a way of benefiting the community in which he lived.

Boyd and Ina Moore

BOYD AND INA MOORE

Boyd Moore was born in Kunkle, Ohio, on April 28, 1921, and died August 8, 1984.

He was the son of Forrest L. and Mabel (Gunn) Moore, area farmer. As a 1939 graduate of West Unity High School he then proceeded to Ohio State University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Vocational Agriculture.

He worked for Charlie Heaton before going to college and after graduation he was assigned to a high school teaching job in Vocational Agriculture in Waynesfield, Ohio.

On June 10, 1944, he was united in marriage with Waunetta Merrilot and they were blessed with two girls, Connie Lyn and Deborah Kay.

In 1951 they moved to Bryan and he was hired at Aro Equipment Corporation. During his early years there he worked on his own invention of a metal storage crate which is still being used today.

They later moved to the Pulaski, Ohio, area where their third daughter, Betty Jean, was born.

His wife was deceased on August 8, 1957.

In 1958 after being Assistant Manager for the Service Department, he was promoted to Manager and continued in this position until his early retirement in November, 1983.

On January 24, 1959, he was united in marriage to Ina Knapp, of Montpelier, Ohio, who was also an employee of Aro Equipment Corporation. However, she resigned her position and became the mother of his children and a housewife.

The girls' married names are: Mrs. Larry Simmons, Mrs. James Luterek, and Mrs. Greg Gallagher.

He had four grandchildren, Mark Simmons, Doug Simmons, Jane Luterek and Jeff Luterek.

He also had six brothers and 1 sister, namely Raymond, John, Robert, Clayton, William, Alan and Kate Haines.

Boyd Moore was loved by everyone who knew him. He was a member of the Pulaski United Methodist Church and the Methodist Men, he served in all areas of the church, was Clerk of the Pulaski School Board and a 25 year member of the Masonic Blue Lodge #569, at Waynesfield, Ohio, of which he was raised into, on July 11, 1957, and continued on to receive the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

He loved sports and was an avid golfer.

Presented by Ina Moore, in loving memory of Boyd.

BETTY STANLEY

Betty Stanley

Betty J. Stanley was born near Mansfield, Ohio, on June 26, 1928. She married Gerald Stanley in 1951, and bore two daughters, Linda, who died in 1984, and Marcia, who currently lives in West Lafayette, Indiana. The family moved to the Bryan area in 1967.

Betty taught school in Indiana and Ohio for 25 years. With her caring and positive attitude and an insistence on excellence, she brought out the best in her students. She retired as Cooperative Office Education Coordinator at Four County Joint Vocational School in July of 1987.

Community and professional activities were very important to Betty. She served as president of the Williams County YWCA in 1987, where she was involved in the planning and support of the YWCA facility in Bryan. She was also an active member of the First Lutheran Church, the American Vocational Association, the Ohio Education Association, the Ohio Retired Teacher Association, Women of the Moose, Williams County Toastmasters International, and the Stryker Women's Club.

Betty Stanley died suddenly on December 28, 1989, at age 61. A scholarship fund was established in her memory to assist students seeking advanced training in business education.

ROBERT A. AND MILDRED (OBERLIN) MITCHELL

Robert Mitchell

Mildred 'Mid' Oberlin Mitchell was born in Bryan on February 3, 1915 to Earl C. Sr. and Thelma (Smith) Oberlin.

She was a former organ and piano teacher and played the organ and piano in several churches, The Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home and the former Temple Theater for many years. A member of Wesley United Methodist Church for over 50 years, she was a Charter member of the Civic League and a member of Orchard Hills Country Club.

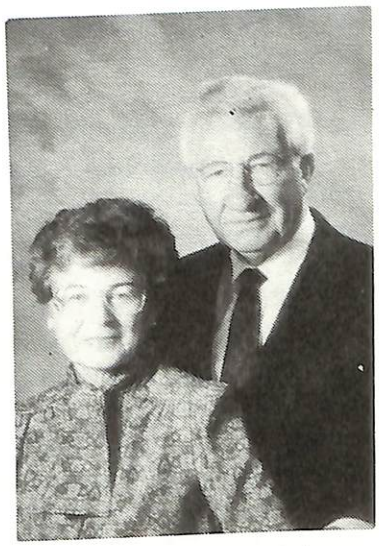
With her husband, Bob Mitchell, she owned and operated the Huenefeld Furniture Stores in Bryan and Defiance. The stores were sold in 1972 and the Mitchells moved to Port St. Lucie, Florida. In 1986, after Bob's death, Mid returned to Bryan to make her home. Mid passed away September 12, 1991.

Mildred (Oberlin) Mitchell

Robert 'Bob' Mitchell was born in Toledo, Ohio on January 31, 1914 to John and Ida Marie (Yocom) Mitchell.

Bob was an avid golfer and fisherman. He and Mid owned and operated the Huenefeld Furniture Companies in Bryan and Defiance for many years. He was a member of the First Church of Christ and the Orchard Hills Country Club. Bob passed away April 4, 1986 at Port St. Lucie, Florida.

LOELLA AND STAN PEPPLE



Loella and Stan Pepple

Stan and Loella (Grawcock) Pepple were born and raised in Noble County Indiana. They attended and graduated from Avilla High School at Avilla, Indiana. In 1941 Stan attended Manchester College. In 1942 he enlisted in the Navy V-12 Officer Candidate School. He was sent to Ohio Wesleyan University and Columbia University for additional training. In 1943 he was graduated from Columbia University Midshipman School and commissioned a U.S. Navy Ensign.

Upon release from the U.S. Navy in 1946 he continued his education at Manchester College where he was awarded a B.S. Degree in Education in 1947. From 1947 to 1950 he taught H.S. Economics and History at Butler High School, Butler, Indiana. During the Korean War, he was recalled to active duty with the Navy and served most of his time in Japan. He attained the rank of Commander while serving in the Navy.

In 1954, Stan and Loella formed the Stan Pepple Motors Corporation at Hicksville, Ohio. In 1970, they purchased the Lindsey Motor Sales and moved the corporation to Bryan.

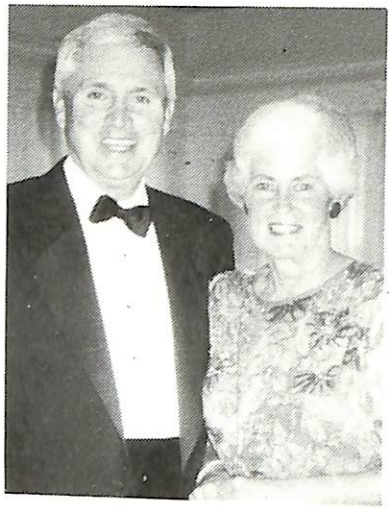
In 1944, Stan & Loella were united in marriage. From this marriage, six children were born: Jane McMaster, Columbus, Ohio; William S. Pepple, Jr., Bryan, Ohio; Janet Yoder, Bryan, Ohio; Joyce Pepple, Columbus, Ohio; Judity Greffin, Chicago, Illinois; and Capt. Scott Pepple, U.S. Army.

Stan is a Bryan Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow, Past President of the Hicksville Rotary Club, Past President of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce, Trustee Ohio Auto Dealers, Vice President of the Bryan Development Corp., Director of the First National Bank, Director of Mid-Am Inc., Member Masonic Temple, Member Zenobia Temple and a Member of the Bryan Moose.

Loella is interested in gold, bridge, reading, sewing and traveling. Stan is interested in golf, fishing, hunting, bridge and traveling.

The Stan and Loella Pepple Scholarship Fund was established to recognize the outstanding student-athlete so he or she might continue their education.

THOMAS M. AND SUSAN Y. HERMAN



Thomas M. and Susan Y. Herman

Thomas M. Herman and Susan Young were married in 1955 and moved to Bryan in 1958. They have five sons: Dr. Craig, Dr. Bruce, Steven, Timothy, and Andrew (who lost his life in an automobile accident in 1990 at the age of 20-1/2); four daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren.

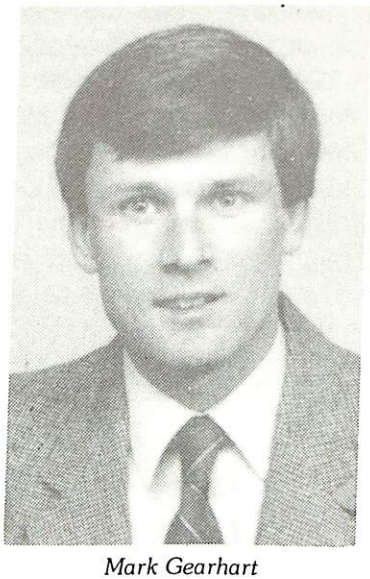
Tom is originally from Edgerton, Ohio. Following his graduation from Miami University, he became an agent with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. In 1961, he joined the Andres-O'Neil Agency, which is now Andres O'Neil & Lowe Agency and he presently serves as president.

Tom's memberships are in the First Presbyterian Church (where he is an elder); Bryan Rotary Club (a past president and Paul Harris Fellow); and Orchard Hills Country Club. He serves his community in many ways: a former Little League coach; a past president of the Williams County Unit American Cancer Society; past chairman of the Bryan United Fund; a past president of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce; a member of the Williams County Economic Development Corporation; president of the Bryan Area Foundation and also on the board of trustees; member of the Bryan Industrial Park Committee; chairman of the very successful YWCA Capital Funds Campaign to construct the facility -- his most gratifying service to his community; and chairman of the Williams County YWCA Board of Trustees.

Susan's home town is Oxford, Ohio, and she is also a graduate of Miami University. She is a former member of Claire Newcomer Club, Williams County Panhellenic Association and Bryan Civic League -- having served as president in each group. Susan devotes many hours to The Compassionate Friends support group. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Her greatest priority in life is in being a supportive wife and mother to her family.

The Thomas M. and Susan Y. Herman Fund in the Bryan Area Foundation is for unrestricted use.

MARK GEARHART



Mark Gearhart

Mark Alan Gearhart was born to Louise (Wehrle) and Larry Gearhart on September 14, 1956 in Montpelier. He had three young brothers, Ronald, Gary and James.

Dr. Gearhart was on his way to his 15th class reunion of Edon High School when he died in a tragic plane crash in Sioux City, Iowa. He was 32 years old.

Mark A. Gearhart graduated valedictorian of the Edon Northwest High School Class of 1974. He earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Ohio University in Athens where he graduated summa cum laude. He played in marching bands at both Edon High School and Ohio University. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa at Ohio University. He then entered Ohio State University where he received his doctorate in veterinary medicine in 1982, graduating summa cum laude.

After a year at Ontario Veterinary College, earning a diploma in large animal surgery, he went to Colorado State and received a master's degree in clinical sciences and agricultural economics and was studying towards a Ph.D. in analytic epidemiology dairy production medicine.

When he died, Dr. Gearhart was completing work on his doctorate in the epidemiology and economics of dairy cattle production, making him one of few experts in this field.

Jack Lebel, a professor of radiology and radiation biology said at the memorial service, "Mark had a zest for life and was a brilliant, brilliant young man."

In spite of all of his achievements, Dr. Gearhart's co-workers and friends both in Colorado and in Edon remember him for his spirit and personality.

A fellow veterinarian said, "He majored in being a good guy. He was welcome in the kitchen of every dairy farmer in this community. He was as comfortable on the farm as well as behind the computer."

The Dr. Mark Alan Gearhart Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships for students at Edon High School entering the field of science.

GRACE CARR

Grace Carr

Grace Burnetta Carr was born December 12, 1908 to Moses and Minnie (Goying) Luce. She was raised in Paulding County, graduated from Antwerp High School and attended Michigan State University, majoring in the field of Home Economics. She married Leonard Carr of Antwerp in 1932, and made her home in Antwerp before moving to Bryan in 1940.

While raising her family (William now living in Edwardsville, Illinois, and Carol, in Kalamazoo, Michigan) she catered many a gala function for Bryanites, gaining her reputation as gourmet extraordinaire! Sweet rolls, desserts, pies, spaghetti sauce and casseroles were some of her memorable trademarks.

As the first director of the Bryan City Schools cafeteria, from 1952 to 1975, she formulated the total operation and was the hardest worker and staunchest promoter of the program. She loved her job and especially enjoyed the contact and opportunity to work with students which lead to the origination of the Youth Power Club of which she provided leadership. During her time as director, the Bryan City Schools lunch program gained State recognition and was an intregal part of the Bryan Community.

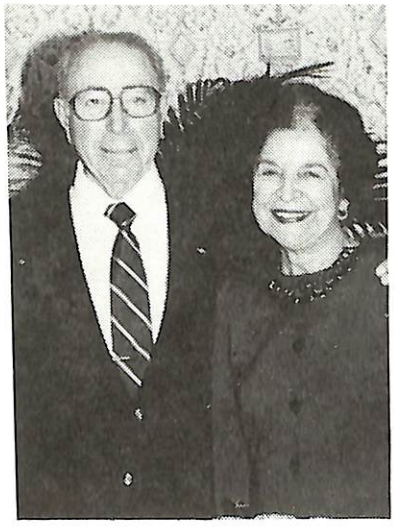
She was a faithful, active, and fifty year member of the Wesley United Methodist Church. She taught Sunday School and served as a member of the United Methodist Women, holding offices including the State Office of Christian Personhood. She was also a lay delegate to annual conference.

In the community, she was a long time member of Taine Club and Bay View Study Club becoming an honorary member of each. She was instrumental in helping to form the Area Art Club of which she was a member, and, belonged to the hospital auxiliary!

She worked diligently to promote school lunch through the American School Food Service Association (ASFSA). She was a former President of the Cardinal Chapter of the Ohio School Food Service Association and received national recognition. Her interst in reading and good books lead to many community groups requesting her as a program source.

Gracie was a dynamic lady that loved life and lived love through her work in the Bryan Community.

MOSE AND YVONNE ISAAC



Mose and Yvonne Isaac

Mose Isaac was born in Bryan on July 11, 1909, to George and Mary Isaac. In the Isaac family were 6 girls and 3 boys all living in Bryan.

He married Yvonne Makool on June 30, 1946. They have 2 children, Renee who is a school teacher in Bryan and Richard who works in the branch office of The Isaac Corporation in Toledo.

He spent most of his entire life in the scrap business known as The Isaac Corporation. This also includes the real estate business.

He graduated from Bryan High School in 1928 from a class of 75 students.

Mose was president of the Bryan Rotary Club in 1964-65. He was awarded a 45 year perfect attendance pin in April 1992. During his term of office he was interested in the American Field Service, a student exchange program, of which he was president. He was also chairman of the United Fund drive. Mose was active in the Masonic Lodge in Bryan and received a 50 year membership pin. He is a member of the Moose Lodge #1064. In Toledo he is a member of the Shrine and also the consistory. Mose is active in the Methodist Church and has been a member for 50 years.

Mose has been active in the Williams County Economic Development Corporation for many years. He helps Williams County to expand our industries and increase jobs. In May of 1990, he raised funds for our member of the Ohio Trade Mission to visit Russia, Poland, and Yugoslavia to expand our foreign trade.

LAWRENCE E. AND ALICE L. CANTER

Lawrence E. Canter

Lawrence E. Canter (Larry) was born to Orlando and Gail Canter in Bethel, Ohio. Raised in Milford, Ohio, he was an outstanding athlete in basketball and baseball at Withrow High School in Cincinnati.

After attending Ohio Wesleyan University, Larry eventually owned and operated Canter's; a Furniture, Appliance, and Flooring business in Sidney, Ohio. While a resident of Sidney, Larry was a member of many organizations there. He was a member and Trustee of the First United Methodist Church, Co-founder of the Sidney Chamber of Commerce, Director of Wilson Memorial Hospital, member of the local Masonic Lodge, member of the Epicurean Club, and President of Sidney Rotary Club.

Alice L. Canter

In 1965 Larry purchased Scott Port-a-Fold in Archbold, Ohio and moved to Bryan. While in Bryan, Larry served on the Finance Committee of Wesley United Methodist Church and has the distinction of being the first person to "shoot his age" at Orchard Hills Country Club golf course.

Alice L. Canter was born to Charles and Alice Grisier in Wauseon, Ohio. She was active in drama and literary organizations as a student at Wauseon High School. Alice attended Ohio Wesleyan University (where she met Larry when they were both students) and completed graduate courses at Johns Hopkins University.

Alice was very active during the 26 years the Canters lived in Sidney, Ohio. She served on the Citizens' City Council Candidate Recruiting Committee, and the Land Committee of the Sidney City School System. Alice co-founded the A to Z Investment Club, and was a member and officer of Charity League, Book & Travel Club, Shakespeare Club, and the Sidney Girl Scout Council.

Since coming to Bryan, Alice has volunteered for over 20 years with the Hospital Auxiliary and served on the Scholarship Committee of the Bryan Panhellenic Group.

Both Alice and Larry have commented often that they appreciate the richness of life to be found in Bryan. They admire both the opportunities here and the people. Their gift to the Bryan Foundation is an attempt to return something to the community that has been so welcoming to them.

HELEN SPANGLER ANDERSON

Helen Spangler Anderson, the daughter of Susanna (Hall) and Harvey Fernando Rodgers, was born in Evansport on January 6, 1895. She died March 4, 1989, at her residence, 520 Oakwood Avenue, Bryan, at the age of 94.

Helen Spangler Anderson

Beginning in her high school years, she lived in Bryan and was a 1914 Bryan High School graduate. During her adult years, she spent summers at Clear Lake, Indiana, and winters in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On June 20, 1916, she married Arthur Garfield Spangler in Bryan. He died in a boating accident on Snow Lake, Indiana, with three Bryan friends, on August 30, 1945.

She married Carl J. Anderson on October 19, 1950, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they lived in Bryan. Mr. Anderson died March 29, 1964.

In 1981, she was Grand Marshall of the Bryan Jubilee Parade honoring the Spangler Candy Company's 75th anniversary. The firm was founded by her husband, Arthur Spangler. She was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan.

She has a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Dr. Neil Levenson of Bryan; a son and daughter-in-law, Theodore R. and Doris Spangler of Bryan; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

ANDREW M. HERMAN

Andrew M. Herman

Andrew Milton Herman is the youngest son of Tom and Susan. He has four older brothers, four sisters-in-law and is an uncle: Craig and Bernadette -- Melissa, Matthew and Douglas; Bruce and Maribeth; Steven and Kathy -- Haley, Connor, Gabrielle and Ariana; and Timothy and Meg -- Kathryn. Andy was born December 17, 1969 in Bryan, Ohio. He lost his life at the age of 20-1/2 in an automobile accident on June 22, 1990.

At Bryan High School, Andy was on the varsity golf team and was its Most Valuable Player for four years. In 1987, the BHS team placed third in Class AA at State, and Andy was named Northwest District Class AA player of the year. Also in 1987, Andy was the club champion at Orchard Hills Country Club. He competed in Toledo Junior Golf Association tournaments during the summers. Andy also lettered in tennis and was a most enthusiastic fan of all sports at BHS. At the time of his accident, he had completed his sophomore year at Miami University.

Being the youngest of five sons was not always the easiest - he was always "someone's " brother. He will forever be affectionately remembered by his family and friends as "The Gerb". Of course Andy went to all the activities of "the brothers" and he was a little brother to all of their friends, too. The Gerb knew everyone and everyone knew him. As he was growing up, he had an uncanny rapport with people of all ages and all walks of life. He was a ray of sunshine in many lives. Andy's love, caring and compassion for his family and friends was exemplified by over forty Miami University Sigma Nu fraternity brothers from all over the United States, and literally hundreds of friends from Bryan and Toledo who attended his memorial service. A few excerpts from notes written by his friends will tell you more about him:

"He passed on a lot of his 'gentlemaness' to me and I'm glad I listened to him."

"I know he must have gotten tired of this little kid always tagging along behind him, but he never said a word. He always had time to help me."

"Andy was a close friend of mine at Miami. I feel quite honored to have had the chance to meet and know such a caring, wonderful person."

"Andy was one of my SPECIAL kids -- one who I truly enjoyed hearing from and working with. He was a very thoughtful, sensitive young man who never failed to give me a hug before leaving my office - knowing that I needed one." (from his Miami University academic advisor -- a "thirtyish" young woman).

"Andy's sparkling eyes and that ready and engaging smile will always be with everyone who knew him. He enjoyed life and he seemed to be able to make others feel good just by being around him."

Gifts from hundreds of his loving friends and family have created the Andrew M. Herman Memorial Scholarship through the Bryan Area Foundation. In life, Andy did indeed touch so many lives -- more than anyone will ever know. Through his scholarship, he will continue to touch many more lives in the future. Fond memories of Andy -- The Gerb -- will live forever in many hearts.

C.B. MELTON

C.B. Melton

The heirs of long-time Bryan residents Anna Belle and C.B. Melton have established a Bryan Area Foundation permanent memorial in their name.

The Foundation will establish the Anna Belle and C. B. Melton Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will be given to a graduate of Bryan High School who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate college coursework in Special Education or a related area.

The Meltons both had a long-time interest in the welfare of the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled. By this gesture, the family wishes to memorialize their commitment to that need and to the Bryan community. C. B. Melton served on the first Williams County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities upon the establishment of such Boards by the Ohio Legislature in 1967.

ESTHER J. AND WALTER FABEN

Walter Faben

Esther J. Faben was born in Glendale, Illinois on July 17, 1901 the daughter of Louisa (Hartman) and William Jackson. She died September 27, 1989 at age 88.

She married Walter Faben in Glendale (near Cincinnati) in 1932 and came to Montpelier that same year. Mr. Faben died in 1977.

Mr. and Mrs. Faben both were teachers in the Montpelier School system. Mr. Faben taught for 30 years and Mrs. Faben for 24 years at Montpelier High School.

The Fabens led active and interesting lives.

Both were active in the Williams County Historical Society and served as trustees. When the Williams County Museum opened in 1967, Mrs. Faben became the curator. With the help of the Historical Society members, more than 1,000 artifacts were catalogued, exhibited or filed in the museum, Lett Log House, caboose and farm museum.

Esther J. Faben

The Fabens had an avid interest in the historical and ethnological lines of Indian tribes. Mr. Faben studied the Potawatomi language and became an honorary blood brother of the Chippewa tribe of Walpole Island, Canada. He became Red Cloud because a man in his profession is supposed to shed light or knowledge. Mrs. Faben became Princess North Wind. She collected Indian dolls for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Faben, who loved flowers and was the daughter of a professional florist, joined the Montpelier Community Garden Club and worked on its many projects. She authored a garden column titled "Through the Garden Gate" that appeared for many years in the Leader Enterprise.

She served the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs as regional director, vice-president, president and director of nature school camps. She was an OAGC accredited flower show judge and was awarded outstanding gardener of Region One and given the distinguished service award.

Mrs. Faben was named woman-of-the-year in 1968 by the Montpelier Business and Professional Women's Club and her name and history appeared in Who's Who of American Women in 1975. The Fabens served as worthy matron and worthy patron for the golden anniversary of Lillian Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Faben was a graduate of Miami University.

BENEDICT FAMILY FUND

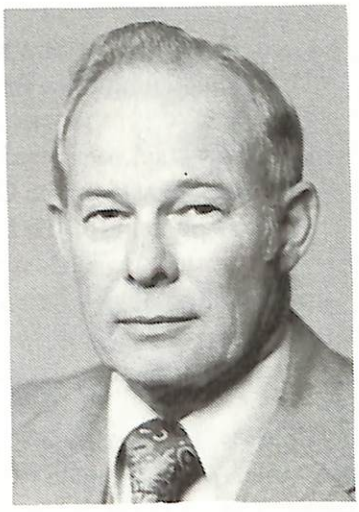
Bruce and Joan Benedict, along with their children Gregory, Andrea, Lori and Scott and their families, have established the Benedict Family Fund as their way of giving something back to the community. Bruce and Joan have always tried to instill in their family a strong sense of responsibility to other people, and felt that a gift to the Foundation was one way of helping others, and was a fitting tribute to their family.

Bruce, Joan and Greg moved to Bryan in 1957 upon completion of Bruce's military service as an Air Force pilot. He joined his uncle's firm, Fisher Automatic Service and eventually purchased it. Andrea, Lori and Scott were born in Bryan and all, including Greg, graduated from Bryan High School. Greg received his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado and his doctorate of law from the University of New Mexico. The other three followed in their parents' path and graduated from Michigan State University.

Bruce is a founding member of the Bryan Area Foundation. He served as president of the Foundation and achieved his goal of reaching $1,000,000 in assets during his tenure. He has served as member of the executive committee of the Shawnee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, past president of the Williams County Kidney Foundation; member and past president of Orchard Hills Country Club and Bryan Rotary Club.

Joan's activities include former member and past president of Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission and of Northwestern Ohio Family Planning, member and past president of Bryan Community Hospital Auxiliary and Bryan Civic League.

RICHARD DANEKE



Richard Daneke

Richard Joseph Daneke was born on February 5, 1926 to John F. and Imelda B. Daneke. He was the eldest of four children. Dick graduated from Charleston Catholic High School (Virginia). He attended Seton Hall University, the University of Detroit and General Motors Institute. His education was interrupted by World War II at which time he joined the U.S. Naval Air Force in 1944. Upon returning from the war he returned to college to complete his education.

In 1948 Dick joined Chevrolet Motor a division of General Motors Corporation. His first transfer was in 1953 as a District Manager. It was during this time Dick first resided in Bryan. From 1955 to 1964 Dick was transferred again and held various management positions in Detroit, Des Moines, Iowa, Kansas City, Missouri and Denver, Colorado. Returning to Central Office in Detroit in 1964 Dick was promoted to Assistant National Manager of Truck Merchandising and held this position until his retirement on December 31, 1985. Dick became known as "Mr. Show Biz" to the Merchandising Department and employees. Dick earned his nickname from the many national RV Shows, Trade Shows and New Car Auto Shows that he coordinated.

Surviving are Dick's second wife Joyce, his children one son, three daughters and two step daughters. Upon his retirement in 1986 Dick and Joyce returned to Bryan spending six months of the year in Bryan and six months of the year at their winter home in Fort Myers, Florida. Dick was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Orchard Hills Country Club, and Del Tura Country Club located in Fort Myers. An avid sports fan Dick enjoyed golf, baseball and football.

It was because of Dick's commitment to General Motors Corporation and athletics that the Richard Daneke Memorial was established by his family, friends and Chevrolet Motor Division. The Richard Daneke Scholarship will be awarded to a Bryan Senior who is an athlete and who has plans of a career in the automotive industry.

YWCA

The Williams County YWCA Endowment Fund within the Bryan Area Foundation was established in December 1989 by the YWCA's Board of Directors.

Bequests, memorials and designated gifts to the Williams County YWCA go into this fund. The yearly interest income earned from the Endowment Fund is managed by the YWCA Board of Directors for operations, capital expenses and financial assistance for memberships and programming.

The YWCA provides reduced or free memberships and programs to anyone in Williams County who cannot afford to pay for them. No one is turned away due to low income or unfortunate circumstances.

The Williams County YWCA is a nonprofit service-oriented membership organization in a beautiful health facility on the western edge of Bryan. It serves people in Williams and surrounding counties of both sexes, all ages, physical abilities, ethnic and economic backgrounds.

The YWCA currently serves approximately 3500 members although it reaches many hundreds of nonmembers through its programming.

The YWCA provides a child care center, leadership opportunities for women, exercise and educational programs, as well as a swimming pool, whirlpool, double gymnasium, indoor track, racquetball courts, exercise equipment room, kitchen and meeting rooms.

ROBERT A. BOUCHER

Bob Boucher was born in Toledo, Ohio on May 26, 1923. He was the son of Charles and Alta Boucher. He attended Bryan High School and was a veteran of the United States Army having been honorably discharged on December 26, 1945.

Bob was a resident of Bryan all of his adult life and was a retiree of the Aro Corporation. Upon his death on July 12, 1990 he was survived by several brothers and sisters. His will left one-half of his estate to the Bryan Area Foundation. This was Bob's way of expressing his gratitude to the community in which he had lived all of his life.

LAWRENCE E. AND C. JUNE SMITH

Lawrence and June Smith have lived in Bryan virtually their entire lives.

Upon graduating from Bryan High School, Lawrence entered Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

After two years, this was interrupted by WW II. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was discharged in 1945.

Lawrence then re-entered Miami University and graduated in 1947. June and Lawrence returned to Bryan and he became employed by the Ohio Gas Co. in sales.

In 1950 he founded the L. E. Smith Co. which became a wholesale distributor of kitchen and bath products and sold their products to kitchen dealers, cabinet shops and lumber companies.

In 1965 the Company purchased the most advanced equipment to produce all kinds of counter tops on a continuous line process.

With warehouses in Toledo, Ohio and Elkhart, Indiana the company became a leading supplier in a three state area.

From their marriage five sons and two daughters were born. The five sons, Steven, Joseph, James, Larry Jr. and Alexander are employed by the L. E. Smith Co. The oldest daughter Sharon Fisler, teaches school in Fairbanks, Alaska. The youngest, Susan Thompson, is in nursing training at Northwest Tech.

VALERIE NEWCOMER

Valerie Newcomer was born July 15, 1947 in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, daughter of Mary and Theodore James D'Amato. She was a graduate of Clifford J. Scott High School, East Orange, New Jersey. She earned a bachelor degree from Kalamazoo College, a masters degree in San Francisco, California, and a doctorate in counseling from the University of Toledo.

She married David Newcomer on December 28, 1971 and had two children, Lynea and Anne.

She was an avid reader. She also enjoyed hiking, theatre, the ballet, cycling and travel.

Mrs. Newcomer was a licensed professional counselor with Community Hospitals since 1989. Prior to that, she served as a guidance counselor with Bryan City Schools for 10 years, eight years at the high school and two years at the middle school. While a counselor with the Bryan City Schools, she was involved with the establishment of the Chemical Abuse Reduced through Education Program. Mrs. Newcomer also worked as a counselor with the Gorham-Fayette schools, Williams County Department of Human Services and Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission.

Mrs. Newcomer served on the Board of the Williams County YWCA, Four County Mental Health Board. She was active for many years with the Bryan Area Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Raymond and Edith M. Gibson

RAYMOND WESLEY AND EDITH M. GIBSON

Edith M. Gibson, daughter of Mary Ann (Hoblet) and Lewis Wesley Tague, was born October 9, 1906 in Mercer County, Ohio, and passed away in Bryan on November 28, 1987.

Raymond Wesley Gibson, son of Elizabeth (Gresley) and John M. Gibson, was born March 31, 1909, in Monroeville, Indiana, and passed away in Bryan on September 25, 1990.

The couple was united in marriage at Fort Wayne, Indiana on August 12, 1929. They moved to Bryan in 1950 from White Plains, New York, constructing their home at 520 Belmont Avenue, Bryan where they lived out their remaining years.

Mr. Gibson was self-employed in the timber and lumber business throughout his life. Mrs. Gibson was a housewife and loving companion.

Mr. Gibson was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Bryan Masonic Lodge No. 215, Free and Accepted Mason, Bryan Council No. 101, Bryan Commandery No. 74 and the Maumee Valley Scottish Rite of Toledo.

GAYLE R. CALVIN AND M. GWENDOLA CALVIN

Gayle & Gwendola Calvin

Gwendola Calvin was born in Waldron, Michigan, on September 16, 1916 to Estelle Woodward and Bert Wheeler.

She married Gayle R. Calvin on October 30, 1937.

Mr. Calvin was born July 16, 1901 to Albina (Scott) and E.E. Calvin in Metz, Indiana. As a small child, his family moved to Bryan, Ohio.

During his working years he was a partner in Calvin & Gotshall, a plumbing and heating business in Bryan. He retired in 1954. Mr. Calvin served on Bryan City Council for 2-1/2 terms.

On retirement they spent their winters in Clearwater, Florida. Mrs. Calvin died on April 26, 1990. Mr. Calvin died May 26, 1992 in his home at 234 N. Cherry St., Bryan at age 90.

ADELLE ISAAC

Adelle Isaac

Adelle Isaac was born in Bryan on January 1, 1912 to Mary (Ade) and George Azar Isaac. She died on March 29, 1992 at age 80.

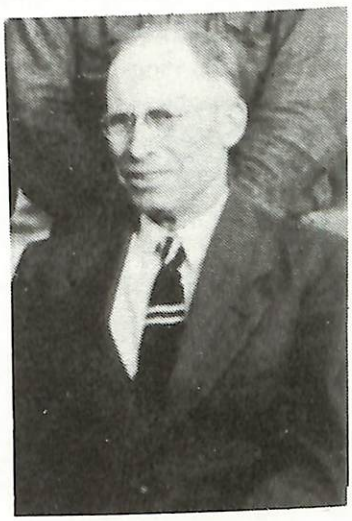
A 1929 Bryan High School graduate, she attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and was a 1939 graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College.

Miss Isaac worked at various office positions in Bryan before moving to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she served on the staff of Fort Wayne Bible college for 21 years.

After retirement, she moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she lived for six years before returning to Bryan in June 1991.

She was a charter member of the steering committee of the Fort Wayne Christian Women's Prayer Breakfast.

PAUL MCCOY



Paul McCoy

Paul and Florence I. McCoy resided in the Bryan Area for many years. They left an unrestricted gift of $108,140 to the Bryan Area Foundation.

Mr. McCoy graduated from Michigan State Univ. with a degree in Agriculture. He then returned to his home dairy farm for many years and eventually sold his farm north of Bryan on Co. Rd. 13 to Ralph Rigg.

He was an original incorporator of North Western Electric Cooperative for Rural Electrification in 1936.

After he and Florence sold their farm, he was employed as Vocational Agriculture teacher at Edgerton for a short time. He was then employed by North Western Electric Cooperative for 10 years as Electrification Advisor.

After retirement in 1974 the McCoys moved to Florida. Mr. McCoy died in 1983 and Mrs. McCoy in 1991.

SARAH FAYE ENGLISH

Faye English was born on February 6, 1917 in Defiance County. She was the daughter of Katie (Rupp) and Daniel English. Her family included four brothers and a sister. She died July 30, 1992 at age 75 in Bryan.

Miss English was a teacher in the Williams County, Kunkle, Pioneer, Montpelier and Bryan City School systems for a total of 42 years. She earned her bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Bowling Green State University.

She was a member of the Lick Creek Church of the Brethren and the Delta Kappa Gamma teacher sorority. She enjoyed flowers and was a member of the Garden Club.

Other interests included a love for books, travel, basketball and baking. For many years, she cared for her brother George English. Miss English always had her door open to other people and always kept a positive caring, positive attitude to friends, family and students.

THE KRISHER AND EWING FORESTRY FUND

"In my imagination I like to think of this as the Paul Bunyan Fund.
The mythical Paul Bunyan and his blue ox Babe was a legend of the north woods.
As a parody, I think of Paul Ewing as Paul Bunyan and myself as Babe his faithful employee."
Wilna Krisher

Wilna (Babe) Krisher, the youngest of five children was born in 1914 to William and Lulu Krisher on a farm northwest of Kunkle, Ohio. The home was surrounded by woods where the domestic and wild animals became her friends. The arrival of spring was most welcome as she delighted in gardening and the beauty of flowers.

Wilna Krisher

She graduated from Kunkle High School, Class of 1932 in the depth of the great depression. She remained on the farm and assisted in caring for two nephews until 1947 when the farm was sold. Moving to Pioneer she accepted a position with Mike's Lumber Company and the pure aroma from the bins of lumber helped replace her loss of the woods.

In 1952 she accepted a position with the Ewing Lumber Company of Van Wert and resided in the YWCA for twenty-four years.

Paul Ewing was a native of Pioneer and his father established the first lumber yard there. Wilna's duties were many from office janitor, sales clerk, bookkeeper, reading blueprints, compiling material lists and estimating their cost. Among the lumber salesmen who called there she gained the reputation as "Lumber Woman of Northwest Ohio."

In 1976 Paul Ewing retired, closing the business. Wilna had purchased her cousin's home in West Unity in 1967 and she retired there and continued improving the home. She demonstrated chair caning at the Sauder Museum.

Wilna's hobby was photography, recording the beauty of nature. She made four trips to Yellowstone National Park after learning P.W. Norris founder of Pioneer was also second superintendent of the park for five years. She began researching his life and exchanged information with A.L. Haines the park's historian. In 1989 she made a historical video tape tracing the life of Norris and it has had wide circulation.

Paul Ewing died in January 1993 and in his will he named Wilna as a beneficiary in the amount of $10,000.00. Wilna added $5,000.00 and this total was given to the Bryan Area Foundation. The interest is to be used to benefit some student preferably in the North Central School District, who is interested in forestry or some environmental work in conservation of our natural resources.

GEORGE M. AND MAXINE ARMBRUSTER

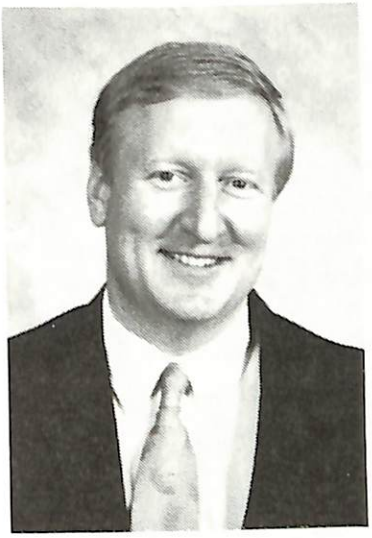
George and Maxine Armbruster

George Armbruster was born in Williams County on August 18, 1906. He was the son of Dora (Maneval) and Martin John Armbruster. Mr. Armbruster was a farmer and a long time member of the Wesley United Methodist Church and Bryan Moose Lodge. Mr. Armbruster died June 26, 1994.

Maxine Ewing was born November 11, 1909 in Kunkle the daughter of Arthur and Leah (Traxler) Ewing. She married George Armbruster and they had three sons, George Allan of Fort Myers, Florida; Ronald Martin of Fremont; and Philip Rick of Seattle. After Maxine's death on January 23, 1978, George remarried Geneva Krill on November 18, 1979 and she survives.

Maxine was a former employee of Bryan Cameron Community Hospital and the Aro Corporation. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and Bryan Senior Citizens Club. In addition to farming, Mr. Armbruster was an employee at the Williams County Courthouse and on the custodial staff. Their family and friends consider them to be kind, quiet, friendly and generous.

GERALD E. (JERRY) LUCE



Gerald E. (Jerry) Luce

Gerald E. (Jerry) Luce was born on April 7, 1950 to Edward and Ramona (Joice) Luce. His brother, Michael Allyn, is two years younger.

Jerry graduated from Edon High School in 1968 where he was vice-president of his senior class. After attending Fort Wayne Indiana-Purdue University for one year, he became a charter member of Four County Technical Institute (now Northwest State Community College) where he received his Associate Degree in Applied Business in 1971.

On June 26, 1971 he married Jo Ann Thiel. Their daughter, Jennifer Ann, was born on January 30, 1975 and their son Allyn John, was born on October 8, 1977.

Jerry joined the Edon Volunteer Fire Department in 1969 and became chief of the department in 1981.

In 1979 he joined the New York Life Insurance Company as a field underwriter. He attained many sales goals and assisted clients in northwest Ohio as well as the tri-state area.

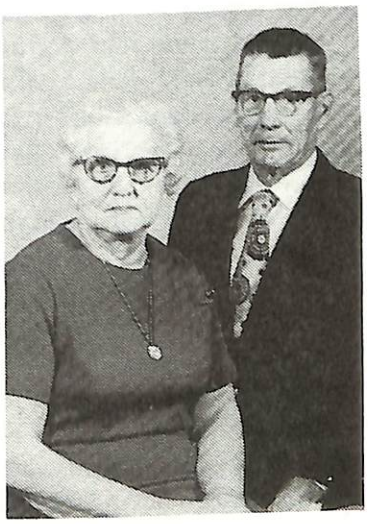
Jerry was extremely dedicated to the fire department, to his insurance clients, and above all to his wife and children. He always endeavored to schedule his meetings and appointments around his family and their activities.

On a foggy, January 21, 1993, while he and his wife were enroute to their son's freshman basketball game, Jerry lost his life in a tragic automobile accident.

Since children and education were so important to him, his family chose to establish a scholarship so his memory could live on. An Edon High School student that demonstrates scholastic achievement and the spirit of hard work with personal goals is selected each year to receive the Jerry Luce Memorial Scholarship. Preference is given to a child of a firefighter or a student interested in the field of business.

"His work is not measured in the years he lived, but in the love he left behind."

HOWARD L. AND LAURENA L. ARNOS

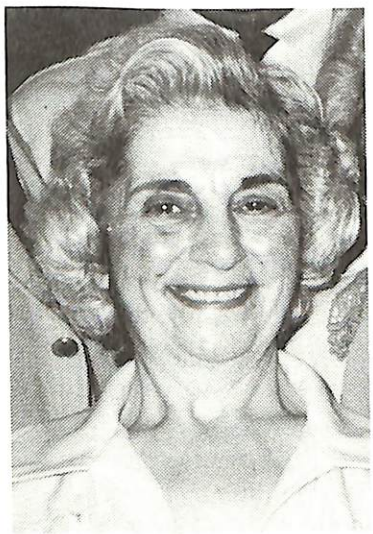


Laurena and Howard Arnos

The Howard L. and Laurena L. Arnos Fund was established by Laurena L. Arnos (maiden name - Dehnke) of 827 Navarre Avenue. Mrs. Arnos is the widow of Howard L. Arnos who died February 17, 1989. They have been residents of Williams County for their entire lifetimes and had lived in Bryan since 1937.

Mr. Arnos was a contractor and built many homes in this area and Mrs. Arnos is a homemaker. Mr. and Mrs. Arnos have been members of the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan.

Mrs. Arnos would like the funds to be used "for any needed community projects."



Cora Isaac

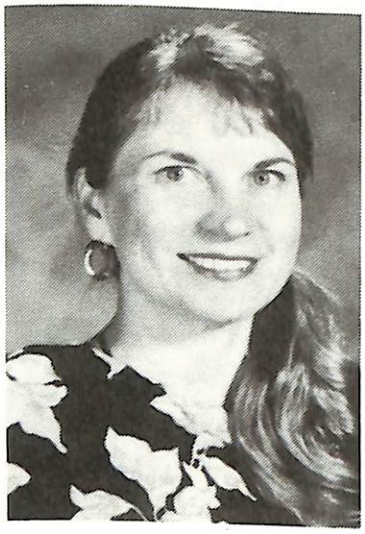
CORA ISAAC

Cora Isaac, the daughter of Mary (Ade) and George Azar Isaac was born April 9, 1913 in Bryan. She was a life long Bryan Resident. She was in sales at the Uhlmans Department Store in Bryan for most of her working career, prior to retirement.

She was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Bryan and had served in numerous capacities within the church. She was also a member of various clubs including the Bryan Art Klan.

Cora died June 2, 1994.

KAYTA DIERKS



Kayta Dierks

Kayta (Mansfield) Dierks was born on September 17, 1948 in Bryan, Ohio, daughter of Marlin and Lenore (Robinett) Mansfield. She was a 1966 graduate of Bryan City Schools. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1970, and a Master of Arts Degree from St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1974.

She married Todd Dierks on June 3, 1972. Their son Christopher was born on December 10, 1984.

Kayta was an avid gardener with a special interest in herbal gardens and gardening. Her other interests included Early American antiques, travel, children's literature, and reading.

Her memberships included The First Brethren Church of Bryan, O.E.A., N.E.A., Daughters of the American Revolution, and The American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Dierks' teaching career began at the Prairie Heights Elementary School at Pretty Lake, Indiana from 1970 to 1972. After her marriage in 1972 she returned to Bryan and taught 1st Grade at the Washington Elementary School from 1972 until her untimely death in 1993.

It was because of Kayta's intense interest, commitment, and dedication to her students that the Kayta Mansfield-Dierks Memorial Scholarship was established by her family upon her death in 1993.

CLARENCE AND ANN FITZENRIDER

Clarence and Ann Fitzenrider were both raised in and near Bryan. Clarence was born December 15, 1913 and Ann July 20, 1918. Clarence had one brother, Glen, and Ann was an only child. They both had farm backgrounds and continued this interest. They graduated from Bryan High School and Ann graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Clarence and Ann married on May 17, 1941 and had two children. Jon lives in Columbus and works for IBM. Sue married John Compo and they are associated with Compo Corporation in Defiance.

Clarence and his brother worked as Fitzenrider Brothers Construction and Ann was employed in the Office of the Williams County Schools for over thirty years. Upon retirement they spent their winters in Florida.

They were active in Wesley United Methodist Church. Clarence served as a trustee, an usher, and member of the building committee. For a number of years Ann was secretary of the Administrative Board and treasurer of United Methodist women.

Clarence died on June 20, 1995.

Clarence and Ann Fitzenrider

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

The Bryan Youth Activities Fund was established in 1994 with funds remaining from the old Bryan United Way. A new United Way of Williams County replaced all the United Way Funds of the county.

The income from this Fund is used to support Bryan youth sports activities. It was anticipated that in the future years, the United Way of Williams County would significantly reduce its support for these sports programs and one of the purposes of this Fund is to make up some of the anticipated reduced support. The fund has also been a yearly supporter of the Bryan City School's Safety Patrol program.

The Youth Activities Advisory Board includes two members of the Bryan Area Foundation, one officer of the Bryan Baseball Association, one officer of the Bryan Soccer Association and one officer of the Bryan Girls Softball Association.

The Advisory board meets at least annually for the purpose of providing the Trustees of the Bryan Area Foundation with a recommendation for disbursements from the Fund.

RALPH AND MABLE SCOTT

Ralph Scott

Ralph and Mable Scott died in 1992 making the Bryan Area Foundation the benefactor of their estates.

Ralph W. Scott was born near Bryan on August 1, 1914, to Wesley and Nina (Impton) Scott. He attended school in Bryan. Ralph retired from The Aro Corporation in 1979 where he had worked his entire lifetime. He was a faithful and loyal employee working as an inspector in the machine shop. His career at Aro was interrupted by World War II when he was called to serve with the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater from 1943 to 1946.

Mable L. Scott was born in Hillsdale County, Michigan, on June 17, 1915. The daughter of William and Ruth Lister, she graduated from Montpelier High School. Her father will be remembered as a former minister of the Memorial United Brethren Church located at the present site of the Clark Oil Company in Bryan. Mable was employed for a time as a waitress at the former Ruth Restaurant but spent the greater part of her working years at Paul B. Elder Pharmaceuticals, retiring in 1980. Mable enjoyed her work and liked to spend her leisure time playing cards with her card club.

Mable Scott

The Scotts were united in marriage on August 3, 1940, by Rev. N.J. Clay in Montpelier and spent over fifty years devoted to each other.

After Ralph's return from the Army they lived in an apartment on N. Enterprise St. and soon thereafter built their new home at 620 S. Lynn St., across the street from Ralph's parents. Ralph's interest in woodworking at that time is evidenced by the wood Scottie dogs he designed for the shutters of their home.

Ralph's greatest love was music. Although he never had any formal music instruction and could not read music, he spent many fulfilling years playing the saxophone in a local dance band. The band played extensively throughout this area. His talent brought offers to join big-name bands, but loving his home he preferred to remain here.

Ralph and Mable did not have children. Their survivors include Ralph's sister, Viola Beerbower, Montpelier; a step-niece; an aunt; and several cousins. The income from this bequest will be awarded in scholarships for high school graduates.

MAX E. DAY

Max E. Day

Max Day was born May 31, 1926 to Ivan E. and Cora Oberlin Day in Edgerton, Ohio. Max was a 1944 graduate of Edgerton High School where he was a member of the basketball team. Following graduation he served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. After his discharge from the Navy, Max returned to Edgerton, Ohio and joined Day's Oil Co. He and his brother LaVon later formed Day and Day, distributors of oil products.

In January of 1949 he married Melba Deardorf and they had two children, Jan M. and Ned E. In 1962 he joined Isaac Tire Inc. of Bryan where he was actively involved at the time of his death in 1997.

Max was a member of The Wesley United Methodist Church and served as chairman of the trustees. He belonged to the Edgerton American Legion, Hicksville VFW, F & A M #357, 32nd Degree Mason Scottish Rite, Zenobia Shrine of Toledo, Northwest Shrine, Bryan Moose Lodge. He was a former member of the Bryan Rotary Club and Orchard Hills Country Club. He served on the advisory committee of Bandag Tire Company and Board of Directors of The Ohio Tire Dealers Association.

WENDELL P. AND CLARA B. GOEBEL

Wendell P. Goebel

Clara B. Goebel (1922-1996) was born in Edon the daughter of Verl and Elfie Brannan. In 1947, she married Wendell Goebel, who died in 1993.

Mrs. Goebel and her husband both served their country in the Armed Forces during World War II. Mrs. Goebel was a member of the Women's Air Corps and was attached to the Far Eastern Air Service Commission in Hollandia, New Guinea. Mr. Goebel served in the United States Army in the European Theater.

Mrs. Goebel had been employed at Bryan Custom Plastics and the former Elder Pharmaceuticals. She was a volunteer for the Outreach Program, Meals on Wheels and the Thrift Shop. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the Bryan Eagles Auxiliary 2233 and Bryan VFW Auxiliary 2489.

Clara B. Goebel

Mrs. Goebel gave her estate in equal shares to three charities. They are: St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Bryan, the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan and the Bryan Area Foundation. The income from the Foundation gift may be used for any purpose deemed advisable by the Bryan Area Foundation.

JERRY HUMPHREY

Jerry Humphrey

Jerry Humphrey was born on a farm West of Cooney, Ohio on August 2, 1940. He lived there during his school years.

On July 31, 1995 he died of an apparent heart attack while attending the Oshkosh EAA Fly-in convention in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Mr. Humphrey graduated from Edon High School in 1958, and he attended Northwest Technical College. He started his career at Tomco Plastic as a third shift molding supervisor in 1971. He worked his way up to general foreman, production manager, general manager and in 1980 Mr. Humphrey was promoted to vice-president of manufacturing and engineering of Tomco Plastic Inc. In 1983 he became a member of the board of directors and a shareholder in the company. And he was a member of the Society of Plastic Engineers.

Jerry was an avid pilot involved with the National Chapter of The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter #816 and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. He was a board member of Williams County Airport Commission, member of the Two-Cylinder Club, the Rockwell Springs Trout Club, and the Bryan Moose Lodge #1064.

He also owned two airplanes, a Cessna 150, and a Rockwell Commander 114. He loved to take people up and show them our great town of Bryan. Jerry was loved by everyone. He was the greatest man you could ever meet! He also got a kick out of helping young people with their needs in life.

He was the son of Luella (McCrea) and Dale Humphrey. He was united in marriage to Gloria J. (Riter) Woods on June 5, 1970. Surviving in addition to his wife, are his beautiful daughter Rebecca Lou Humphrey and his two handsome stepsons Jeffrey L. and Barry L. Woods and five very proud grandchildren.

In 1992 he brought home his 1960 John Deere diesel tractor that he used to farm with, and completely restored his green and yellow machine to mint condition. He has won several plaques with that beautiful tractor. It is one of a kind! This past year (1998) I put his tractor in the Edon Days Parade and won first in restoration. Jerry would be PROUD.

MAY, DEMA AND CLARK DIMLER

Clark Dimler

May Bell Wright, the daughter of William Martin Wright and Amanda (nee Sheridan) Wright, was born February 7, 1882, on her father's farm in St. Josephs Township, north of Edgerton, Ohio. On July 15, 1903, she married Fred W. Dimler of Bryan. May Dimler began a teaching career in 1899 at the age of 17 at Edgerton. The following year she taught at Blakeslee and then was in the Edgerton school system from 1901 to 1904. Beginning in 1918, she began a 38-year career as a teacher in the Bryan Elementary Schools. Even though Bryan had a 70-year-old provision, the community would not allow her to quit as long as she was able. She retired in 1957 at the age of 75. May Dimler died in Bryan at the Clay Rest Home on February 3, 1960.

Dema Dimler

May and Fred Dimler had two sons, both of whom were born in Bryan: Earl William Dimler, born in 1905, and Clark Lee Dimler, born on November 4, 1907. Clark attended Bryan schools and like his Mother, he became an educator. Clark graduated from Bryan High School in 1925 and from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio, in 1929. In 1939, he obtained a Master's Degree from Toledo University. Clark's first teaching job was at Walbridge High School in Walbridge, Ohio, in 1930. He advanced to superintendent in Walbridge in 1934 at $1,750 per year. In 1939, Clark went to Waite High School in Toledo where he taught commercial studies. Clark retired from Waite in 1974 following a 44-year career in education. Clark Dimler was quite a tennis player in his younger days. He was Bryan's singles champion several times in the early 1930s and he was the Toledo public courts singles champion three times.

On June 30, 1994, Clark Dimler married Dema Leone Flightner at the Methodist/Episcopal Parsonage in Bryan. Dema Flightner was born on June 18, 1911, in Farmer Township, Defiance County, to Herbert Lane Flightner and Elma E. (nee Sewall) Flightner. Dema graduated from Farmer High School in 1929 and then attended Bowling Green State University. In 1931, she began a four-year career as a kindergarten teacher in the Farmer school. After marrying Clark Dimler in 1934, the two of them relocated to the Toledo area. In 1952, Dema returned to teaching; this time as a kindergarten teacher in the Maumee, Ohio, city school system. Dema Dimler died at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee on November 22, 1992.

Among the Mother (May), the son (Clark) and the son's wife (Dema), there were 99 years of teaching in the classroom. The Dimlers practiced Clark Dimler's basic philosophy of education, "that the most important thing for students to learn is to get along with other people."

Marion Isaac

MARION ISAAC

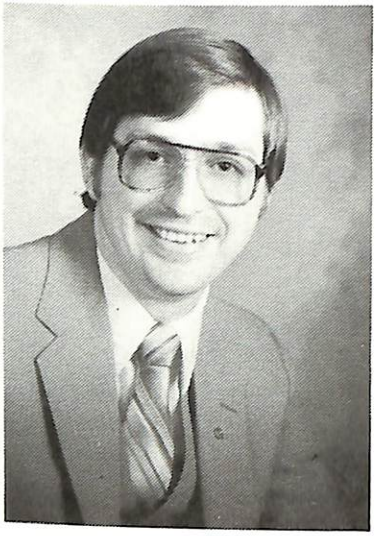
Marion Isaac was born August 10, 1919 to George Azar Isaac and Mary Ade Isaac, in Bryan, Ohio.

She attended Bryan Public Schools and graduated in 1937 from Bryan High School.

Upon graduation she was employed as an accountant for the Stine Lumber Co. In 1946 she joined the family businesses and served as an officer in the various corporations.

She is a member of various civic groups and a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church.

MARK V. ATTENWEILER



Mark Attenweiler

Mark V. Attenweiler was born December 13, 1954 in Piqua, Ohio to John and Margaret Attenweiler. He started working for Uhlmans Department Store in Piqua as a stock boy while still in high school. After graduating from Lehman High School in 1973, he was offered the position of assistant manager at Uhlmans. For the next several years he worked in Piqua.

On June 12, 1982 he married Jayne Doss, also of Piqua. They had one son, Jason, born in 1986.

Also in 1982, he was offered the position of manager of the Uhlmans store in Bryan (now known as STAGE). From his first step into Bryan, Mark loved the town. He became a member of the Bryan Rotary Club and served as a director of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce and President of the Bryan Retail Merchants Association. He also was a member of the United Way Board. One of his proudest accomplishments was participating in the building of the Imagination Station. To him, it was just one example of what the people of Bryan could accomplish by working together.

In 1991, Mark and Jayne opened their own business, Special Occasions, in downtown Bryan, Jayne ran the new party and gift store, while Mark continued working at Uhlmans and offered physical and mental support.

Mark died suddenly on March 31, 1995 at the age of 40, of a heart attack. At the time, he was manager of the Uhlmans store in Bryan and supervisor of the Uhlmans stores in Napoleon, Ohio and Rochester, Warsaw, and Marion, Indiana. He and Jayne were also still owners of Special Occasions.

Mark will be remembered for his congenial personality and sense of humor. His energy and enthusiasm for any project he took on and his love for Bryan and the community are qualities that will always be remembered by those who loved him. He would be proud of having a memorial fund within the Bryan Area Foundation.

ETOLL-ESSI-ISAAC FUND

Since the establishment of the Etoll-Essi-Isaac Fund of the Bryan Area Foundation is a bit unusual with three names, it is appropriate that additional information of this special relationship between and among the three families would be known.

Fortunately, Nemer Etoll wrote an article in 1936 pertaining to the Etoll family and provided some information on the Essi family. Mrs. Essi was a sister to Mr. Etoll. Nemer and Ymne Etoll operated a small grocery store which was adjacent to their home. The store was located at the northeast corner of East Bryan Street and Enterprise Street.

The Assad and Minnie Essi family home was at the northwest corner of East Mulberry and Portland Streets. They operated an ice cream parlor on the north side of the square at 128 West High Street. It operated first under the name of Essi, and then Essi and Huenefeld at one time, and also as Essi and Miller. Leroy Huenefeld operated a furniture store on the east side of South Main Street and just off the square. He was married to Phoebe Essi.

The Etoll and Essi families were Catholic and the Isaac family was Syrian (Eastern) Orthodox, but since there was no Orthodox Church in Bryan, they were associated with the Methodist Church, (formerly Methodist Episcopal). The town of Zahle in Syria, which was the hometown of the Etolls and Essis, was basically Catholic in religion, and Bloudan, which was the hometown of the Isaac family, was primarily Orthodox. There was no conflict between these two religions as both were Christian. The religious conflicts occurred between the non-Christians and Christians.

The Mohre family and other Syrian families in the Blakeslee-Edon area were also related.

George Azar Isaac came to this country in 1898 during the Spanish-American War. Mary Ade came from Syria a year or two later. They were married in the Etoll home in Bryan. Mrs. Essi was Godmother to all nine Isaac children.

The relationship of the three families was extremely close for many, many years, and the families are hopeful the Etoll-Essi-Isaac Fund reflects this relationship.

MARQUARD (MARK) AND CATHERINE (MARKEY) ANDERSON

Catherine (Markey) Anderson was born March 10, 1921 in Bryan the daughter of Ruth (Edwards) and John Clifton Markey. She attended Pine Manor College, Boston, Massachusetts and graduated from the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

While in Arizona she met Mark Anderson. At the time, each was engaged to someone else. They were married in 1945.

Catherine Anderson

Marquard J. Anderson was born April 15, 1920 the son of Anna (Carlson) and Carl John Anderson in Clariton, Pennsylvania. Mark was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and served in Europe as a captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Marquard Anderson

Mark joined the Aro Equipment Corporation in 1945 as assistant sales manager and held various positions with the company founded by his father-in-law, J.C. Markey. When Mr. Markey became chairman of the board in 1956, the board of directors elected Mark president of the corporation.

He became chairman of the board in 1968 and retired in 1983. Noted for his knowledge in the industrial world, Mr. Anderson served as director of several corporations.

A believer in the free enterprise system, Mark was among those instrumental in bringing the first Junior Achievement program to Bryan High School in the early 1960's. He was a member of the board of directors of JA, served on the board of the Bryan Area United Way and was a member of the Bryan Area Foundation.

Mark was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary and a 32nd Degree Mason.

Following in the footsteps of her mother, Catherine was very active in the Bryan Public Library and served on the board of directors. She was a trustee of Defiance College.

When her children were younger, Catherine was active in scouting.

Mark and Catherine were very supportive of education and lent their knowledge and concerns to several college boards. Mark served on the board of Northwest Technical College before it became a community college. Although private about their philanthropic deeds, the Anderson's often helped students to further their careers through college.

"They insisted on excellence but were not flashy or dazzling."

Mark and Catherine were honored by the Bryan Area Foundation as "Good Citizens of the Year."

They had two sons, Carl and John and a daughter Ruth (Anderson) Johnson who passed away in 1995.

Catherine died January 25, 1995 at age 74. Mark died October 18, 1996 at age 76.

BLACK SWAMP AUDOBON SOCIETY

The Black Swamp Audobon Society, a chapter of the National Audobon Society, consists of members of five counties of northwest Ohio (Williams, Defiance, Henry, Paulding and Putnam).

Black Swamp Chapter

Audubon Society

The chapter has developed its own wildlife sanctuary bordering the Maumee river near Antwerp. It consists of over 70 acres including a floodplain woodlot, a grassland prairie, a butterfly garden and a wetland habitat. Future projects include constructing a large pond, a shelter house and a parking area.

Chapter meetings are held monthly during nine months of the year. Numerous field trips are scheduled throughout the year. The chapter is also involved in two Christmas Bird Counts, a nationwide National Audobon Society activity, which is the primary source of determining national bird populations.

BETTY AND GIB FENTON

Gib Fenton

Elizabeth Newcomer Fenton was born June 27, 1911, in Bryan, Ohio, the daughter of Chauncey H. Newcomer and Claire Sands Newcomer.

Betty, as she was better known, graduated from Bryan High School in 1929 and Hillsdale College in 1933. After teaching school in Winchester, Ohio, she married Gib Fenton in 1936 and in 1938 returned with him to Bryan. With the exception of World War II years and her husband's law school years, she has been a housewife and a contributor to civic activities.

Betty helped organize the Bryan Women's Welcome Club, Claire Newcomer Club, Les Bas Bleu Club and the Williams County Community Concert Organization. Her other interests were the Bryan Public Library and the Bryan City Schools. She has written two additions to the history of the First Presbyterian Church. Betty and Gib were much in demand by many countywide groups giving slide shows and travelogues recounting their many foreign trips as well as talks on the history of Williams County.

Betty continues to reside in Bryan and is a member of the Orchard Hills Country Club, the Williams County Playhouse, the Williams County Community Concert Organization, the Taine Club and the Bryan Literary Club.

Betty Fenton

Gibson Lucien Fenton was born on August 10, 1906 in Winchester, Ohio, and died in Bryan, Ohio, on March 13, 1994. His parents were Clifton L. Fenton and Elizabeth Gibson Fenton. Gib, as he was better known, graduated from high school in Winchester, Ohio and was a graduate of Virginia Military Institute and Salmon P. Chase Law School in Cincinnati, Ohio. During his law school years, he also taught school in Terrace Park, Ohio.

He married Elizabeth Newcomer on June 23, 1936, in Bryan. He moved to Bryan in 1938. After serving as an Army Captain in World War II, he and Fritz Parker formed The Parker and Fenton Law firm (now Gallagher, Milliken & Stelzer).

Gib was very active in his community serving as the First Bryan City Attorney and as Williams County Prosecuting attorney for two terms. He served as State Representative in the Ohio Legislature in 1942-1943 and again in 1945-1947. Gib was a charter member of the Bryan Rotary Club as well as a past president and Paul Harris Fellow. His other memberships included the Bryan Moose Lodge, Bryan Masonic Lodge, Orchard Hills Country Club, First Presbyterian Church and the Williams County and Ohio Bar Associations. Gib's easy sense of humor and speaking ability led to his frequent appearances as a toastmaster for many school, community and civic organizations.

He and his wife, Betty traveled widely all over the world - at least six continents - and often shared the experiences with many groups throughout the county, starting with their honeymoon trip to China, Japan and Hawaii in 1936. In 1987 he celebrated his fifty years of law practice. Gib and Betty have two children, Clifton L. Fenton born in 1943 and Nancy E. Fenton born in 1945.

NORMAN TERRY NOLIN

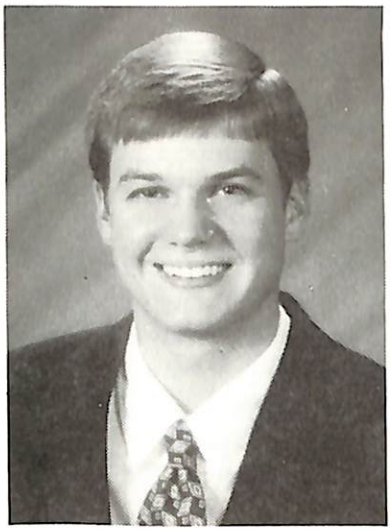
Norman Terry Nolin was born in Bryan on April 14, 1943 the son of Ruby M. (Cox) and William Lester Nolin. He was the father of two children, a daughter Brenda and a son Bodie.

Terry graduated from North Central High School in Pioneer. He attended Ohio State University for two years and Bowling Green State University for one year.

Terry was a Bridgewater Township farmer and raised livestock.

He died September 23, 1993 at age 50.

RYAN JOHN BOMMER



Ryan Bommer

Ryan was born in Bryan, Ohio on February 11, 1979 to Dr. John and Joan (Krutch) Bommer. He was the younger brother of Amy and Brandon. Ryan graduated from Bryan High School in 1997 with numerous academic and athletic honors, including the Jack Greene Memorial Golf Award. While attending Ohio University's School of Business in the fall of 1997, Ryan died suddenly on November 10, 1997 of a rare heart condition.

Ryan enjoyed all sports, but he had a special interest in golf. He was a member of the 1995 and 1996 B.H.S. golf team, which finished second both years in the State Golf Tournament.

We will remember Ryan's desire and drive, always trying his best each day to excel in whatever he was doing. His contagious smile, kind eyes, and magnetic personality enabled him to touch so many lives in his short time here with us. He showed us the importance of living life to the fullest and to make each day count. His compassion and ever present concern for others, especially young children and older adults, will be thought of often. But mostly, Ryan will be remembered as an extraordinary young man, an example of a good, honest and moral person, who we strive to emulate.

Ryan's memorial scholarship through the Bryan Area Foundation was established in 1998 with generous contributions of friends and his family. The joy and laughter Ryan shared with us will be in our hearts forever.

JOYCE AND JOHN ROBERT MARKEY

Joyce and Bob Markey

John Robert Markey was born the son of Ruth (Edwards) and John Clifton Markey in Defiance, Ohio on July 8, 1918. He moved to Bryan when he was two years old. He died January 7, 1998 at age 79.

Bob received his secondary education at The Thacher School, Ojai, California and Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. In 1978, he was presented with an honorary degree of doctor of laws from Tri-State University, Angola, Indiana.

In 1942, Bob entered the Army Air Corps and served as a captain. His specialty was aerial photography.

After the war, Bob joined his father John Clifton Markey at The Aro Corporation. He became vice president and secretary of the company. In addition, Bob served as a board director of numerous businesses and colleges.

Bob is a past president of the Bryan Rotary Club (1965-66) and a Paul Harris Fellow.

In 1957, he married Joyce Husselman Markey. Joyce was born January 28, 1931 the daughter of Ernest and Grace Husselman in Auburn, Indiana. Joyce graduated from Auburn High School, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

Joyce began her teaching career in Monroe, Michigan, teaching music. A year later, she came to Bryan where she taught music in the elementary school. She also worked with the mentally and physically disabled children at the former Sunnyside School.

Joyce was active in Claire Newcomer Club and Civic League.

Joyce and Bob were honored as Bryan Area Foundation "Good Citizens of the Year."

They shared a love of travel and visited many countries throughout the world, their favorites being Switzerland and Australia.

Their children are Sybil Markey, Ruth Edwards Argenio and John Clifton Markey. Mr. Markey had three daughters from a previous marriage, Carolyn Lapin, Mary Jo Vande Walle, and Jennifer Markey.

Bob was described as "a caring and giving person who led a very private life but was a most generous man."

ACADEMIC BOOSTER FUND

The Academic Booster Club of the Bryan City Schools began as a result of a conversation between former school board member Orville Boucher and then Superintendent Richard Ross. Mr. Boucher felt that the school system was lacking, in that it had organizations supporting and boosting athletics, music and other areas, but nothing specifically designed to support academic areas.

From this conversation a steering committee was formed including people from the school system and the public. As a result of their input the first slate of officers was elected in January 1992 and the organization known as Academic Booster Club of the Bryan City Schools (known as ABC) was born.

The founding principal of the organization is to encourage and support, both functionally and financially, academic projects and activities within normal school programs as well as academic programs students may be involved in on their own time. One of the most visible programs run by ABC is the annual Young Authors Conference. This is a day when students can actively participate in listening to and interacting with an established notable author. During this day students have an opportunity to learn about the life of an author, stretch their own creative skills and experience the fun in reading and creating.

Other projects of ABC are financially supporting students as they pursue summer academic programs at universities, art schools, writing schools, theater programs and any other academic program in which they may wish to participate. With an annual budget of nearly $20,000, ABC is attempting to impact the largest possible number of student academic programs.

ABC also contributes annually to a graduating senior's first year at college. Through participation in the Bryan Area Foundation, ABC is building a fund that will allow an annual continuing grant toward a student's further education.

CLARICE EFFIE MOATS

Clarice Moats

Clarice was born on June 2, 1933 in Milford Twp., Defiance Co., Ohio to Beulah Alice McCullough and Wayne Martin Hulbert. She was married to John E. Moats, M.D. on June 2, 1959 and they are the parents of 3 children - Timothy E. Moats, DDS of Columbus, Steven Martin Moats of Denver, Colorado, and Julia Ann Baran of Cleveland, Ohio. Her early years were spent on a farm in Milford Twp., Defiance Co. She graduated from Farmer High School, Farmer, Ohio and Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio.

During the summers of her college years, she was a staff counselor at Camp Palmer 4-H camp. Her teaching jobs in elementary education were in Sylvania, Tiffin Twp., Cincinnati, and Whiteriver Indian Reservation, Arizona. She moved to Bryan in July, 1964.

Mrs. Moats was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church where she was active in the music department, singing in Wesley Singers, Chancel Choir and serving as chairman of the music committee for many years. She also taught in the Sunday School and served in various offices of the United Methodist Women.

She was a member of the Defiance College Choir that sang for the inauguration of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953.

She was also a member of the Fortnightly Study Club, Friends of the Library and the Historical Society. In community affairs, she served on the Community Concert Board, Music Boosters and Bryan Swim Team Boards, the United Way Board, Church Women United, YWCA Board and the Toledo Symphony Committee of the YWCA for many years. She was very interested in the conservation of the earth and the protection of wildlife. She supported organizations related to this, including the National Audobon Society, the National Wildlife Assoc., and the Nature Conservancy. She died in November 1997 after a 10 month battle with leukemia.

Education played an important role in her life as she felt in raising her children that she was teaching even though she was not in the classroom. For this reason, the emphasis of her memorial fund will be in elementary education and particularly to her beloved Defiance College where she spent many hours on the alumni board promoting Defiance College.

DOROTHY YOUNG

Dorothy Young

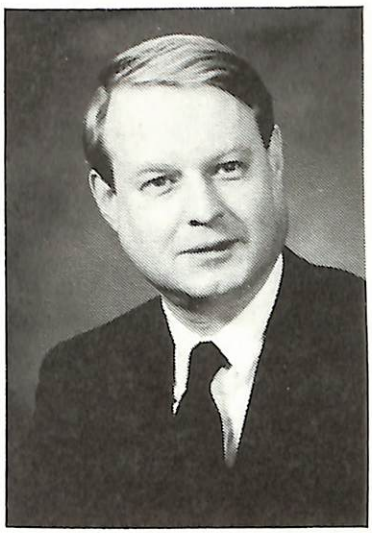
Dorothy Young was a life long resident of Williams County. Born in West Unity, Ohio on September 23, 1900, Dorothy was one of 10 children whose great grandfather, Jacob Young, was one of the original settlers in Williams County in 1838. The original log house is located in Kunkle, Ohio and is listed in the National Registry of Historical Homes. In 1922 she obtained her business and accounting degree from a Fort Wayne Business College. She worked in the West Unity Bank and Bryan Plumbing and Heating Company, which later became Bard Manufacturing Company. Dorothy was the sister of Otha Bard (widow of Dale Bard, founder of Bard Manufacturing Company).

Dorothy never married and in the later years of her life, dedicated her time to taking care of her older sister, Otha Bard. Dorothy was a devoted and very active member of the First Presbyterian Church and had the honor of being the first woman Elder.

Ms. Young was very knowledgeable and a student of current events. She was a woman who had concerns and interest in the growth of the community.

A memorial has been established in her honor.

ROBERT TODD LOWE



Robert Todd Lowe

Robert T. Lowe was born in Bryan in 1942 to Mary Watkins and Robert Daso Lowe. He was a 1960 BHS graduate and attended the University of Michigan where he received a bachelor of arts degree in 1964 and became a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity. Bob then attended the Ohio State University College of Law where he received his doctor of jurisprudence degree, cum laude, in 1967 and was a member of the Board of Editors of the Ohio State Law Journal.

As an officer in the U. S. Navy from 1967-71, Bob served on board two destroyers which included one year overseas duty and participation in four campaigns of the Vietnam War. He was twice awarded the Navy Achievement Medal. After his discharge, he returned to Bryan and married Kristine K. Lindsey and had one son, Robert Lindsey Lowe born in 1980 and became engaged in the practice of law as a partner with the firm of Bish, Lowe & Roth Ltd. He served as the assistant Williams County Prosecuting Attorney and as the solicitor for the villages of Edgerton and West Unity for over twenty years.

Bob was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and The Bryan Area Foundation where he served as trustee from 1980-1987 and as secretary to the Board of Trustees from 1980-1997. In addition, he was past president and trustee of the United Fund of Bryan as well as a member of the YWCA Board of Trustees of Williams County, the Bryan Rotary Club, the American Legion Post #284 and the V.F.W. Post #2489. Also, he served as an advisor to the Church Women United Thrift Shop, the Bryan Baseball Association, the Bryan Area Cultural Association, the Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation, the United Way of Williams County, and was a trustee to Northwest Ohio Affordable Housing.

An avid golfer, Bob was a member and past president of Orchard Hills Country Club where he won six championships between the years 1960 and 1967. Playing golf with friends and son Rob was always a source of real relaxation and pleasure for Bob, and he often talked with great fondness of his time spent with his father enjoying the game.

Bob died May 11, 1997 at age 54.

Bob was truly an exceptional individual, serving his country, community and family tirelessly and with great integrity. The moneys contributed to the Bryan Area Foundation in his memory will continue his legacy of service.

ORVELL W. ESSMAN

Orvell Essman

Orvell W. Essman was born on March 5, 1915, in Steelville, Missouri. He married F. Edna Thornhill on May 29, 1937 and they had four children, Sonja, John, Don and Bill.

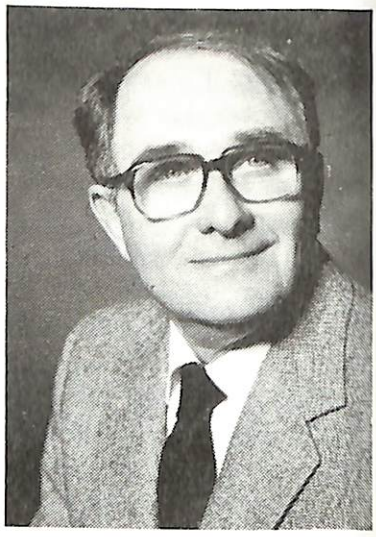
Orvell spent some forty years working for the Measuregraph Corporation in St. Louis, Missouri, before retiring in 1975. He was also President of the National Screw Machine Products Association in 1972, as well as President of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, while attaining the level of 33rd degree Shriner.

In June of 1977, Orvell and Edna moved to Bryan, Ohio, where he became the plant manager at Essman Screw Products. He also was a manufacturing consultant at D.W.E. Screw Products in Napoleon, Ohio and ARO Corporation in Bryan, Ohio.

Orvell always believed in the highest moral and ethical standards and because of those beliefs was dearly loved by all who knew him.

Orvell passed away on August 27, 1992.

WAVEL AND DALE HALLOCK



Dale Hallock

Dale W. Hallock was born March 22, 1917 in Bryan, to Elwood Hallock and Grace (Grim) Hallock. He lived his entire life in and around Bryan, Ohio.

He began his career first by raising Purebred Hogs as a 4-H member. After graduating from Bryan High School he went into farming. In 1951 he attended Reppert School of Auctioneering. Upon graduation Dale traveled to seventeen different states selling Purebred Poland China Hogs. Also, during this time he developed what is known as Hallock Subdivision, north of Bryan. In 1971 Dale, along with his wife, Wavel began the business known now as Hallock Realty, Inc. and Auction Service, where he served the public for twenty-six (26) years. This three generation business is now owned and operated by his son Jack and grandson, Jack Jr.

He was active in the Bryan Rotary Club for thirty four (34) years and was a Paul Harris Fellow; member of National and Ohio Board of Relators; Ohio Auctioneers Association; served as a board member for Habitat for Humanity; member and Elder at West Bethesda Presbyterian Church and was active many years in Presbytery and Camp Premauca.

Dale found much enjoyment fishing on Lake Erie, as well as, traveling with Wavel and spending time together at their cottage at Clear Lake, Indiana.

In 1935 Dale was married to Wavel E. Fulmer of Bryan, Ohio. To this marriage of sixty two (62) years three children, Patricia, Jack and Dorothy were born.

Dale died October 9, 1997 following a lengthy illness. A memorial honoring his memory has been established by family and friends.

FIRST FEDERAL

First Federal Savings and Loan has established a fund to show support of the Bryan Area Foundation.

First Federal Savings and Loan has been an active supporter of Bryan since it opened it first branch in Bryan in 1953. First Federal has had three office managers: Gus Fipps (1953-1955), Tom Johnston (1955-1980) and Jack Brace (1980-present).

First Federal makes an annual contribution to the Bryan Area Foundation.

Virginia Ellis

E. VIRGINIA "GINNY" ELLIS

Virginia Ellis, the daughter of Alice Kintigh and Henry W. Ellis, was born in Bryan on June 22, 1908. She graduated from Bryan High School in 1926, received a bachelor degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1930, and received a degree in journalism from Columbia University, New York City, in 1932.

Upon completion of her formal education, she returned to Bryan and joined her family's insurance business. There she continued the Ellis Insurance Agency into its 84th year in Bryan until her retirement in 1976.

Ginny enjoyed many outdoor activities, especially golf. Her brother, Charles W. Ellis, planned and co-founded the Orchard Hills Country Club. It was there that young Virginia learned to love the game of golf. While in college, she played competitively and spent summers at several resorts in upstate New York as a golf instructor. She was the Orchard Hills Women's Club champion four times, 1943, 1947, 1954 and 1955.

Ginny believed strongly in the education of children. She unselfishly donated time and finances to the youth of Bryan through the First Presbyterian Church, the Y.W.C.A., the Williams County Library and many private contributions to children and young adults.

Just prior to her death, Ginny made a financial donation of the Bryan Parks and Recreation Department for a flower garden to be established at the new Central Park on the corner of Portland and Center Streets. Memorial tributes to the fund at the time of her death resulted in the establishment of the E. Virginia Ellis Flower Fund, a lasting memorial to Ginny, her love of nature and to the city of Bryan.

DR. FREDERICK W. AND SUSAN F. RICHARDSON

Dr. Frederick and Susan Richardson

Dr. Frederick W. Richardson (1915-1996) was born in Dover, Ohio and graduated from the Ohio State University College of Optometry in 1939. That same year he and Susan F. Swisher, from Bryan, Ohio, were married.

Frederick took great pride in Bryan where he chose to practice his profession, opening his office on N. Main St. in March 1940. He practiced Optometry in Bryan for over 50 years.

Frederick was very interested in Bryan's civic affairs. He held membership in the American, the State and Maumee Valley Optometric associations, the local chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, was a charter member of the Luncheon Club formed in 1940, the Bryan Service Club, Rotary Club (pres. 1954-55), Bryan Chamber of Commerce (pres. 1969 - the year of the Bryan Area Foundation's inception), the Bryan Lodge F&AM, Williams County Historical Society, and the Ohio State Alumni Assoc. (pres. 1949).

Susan F. (Swisher) Richardson (1917-) was born in Williams County. After graduating from Monticello Jr. College in 1935 she enrolled at Ohio State University. After Susan and Frederick were married they came to make their home on Co. Rd. I on Christmas Eve 1940. Blessed with two sons, Wallace C. and Norris F., who attended school in Bryan, Susan directed her interest in childrens' activities, became a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader, assisted students and adult organizations in their money-making and artistic projects, helped at the free pre-school clinic, assisted the Chamber of Commerce with "Miss Top of Ohio" Pageants and as a judge of parade floats and Christmas decorated homes. She volunteered hours, first as a Gray Lady then as an auxiliary member, to the Bryan Hospital. Her long associations are with the Literary Forum and Taine Clubs, ARTS Club (charter member, 1977) and the Williams County Historical Society.

DOROTHY BENTLEY

Dorothy Bentley was born in Bryan on February 13, 1898 and died at age 94 on February 1, 1993. She resided at 420 West Bryan Street in Bryan nearly all her life. She lived with her parents for many years and never married.

Miss Bentley worked at the General Telephone Company as a telephone operator for 35 years.

She did not have any brothers or sisters or any other close relatives surviving her.

GEORGE AZAR
AND MARY ADE ISAAC

Mary and George Isaac

This is a brief history of the George Isaac (Aziz Azar) and Mary Isaac (Sitikul Ade) family.

George Isaac came from Bloudan, Syria to this country during the Spanish-American War in 1898. He had to actually escape from Syria as the country was under the jurisdiction of the Ottoman Empire of Turkey which was a non-Christian country. The Christian boys, such as Mr. Isaac and other young men, were persecuted and drafted for the Turkish Army. A Presbyterian missionary was extremely nice to George and Mary Isaac and did help them and others to escape.

Mary Isaac came to this country from Bloudan a few years after her husband-to-be did, probably to Fort Wayne where her brother lived. When she was a young child, her mother passed away, and she lived with other relatives. Later, while still in Bloudan, she worked for a Presbyterian missionary (performing household duties), and he helped her to come to America.

There were other friends from Bloudan who lived in Blakeslee, Fort Wayne, and Toledo. There is uncertainty as to how or why they settled in Bryan, but probably it was because of friends/relatives in this area. As to how or why they received the name of Isaac, rather than Azar, which was the true family name is uncertain. Since his first name was Aziz, perhaps this was changed to Isaac. The Azars in Fort Wayne and formerly in Blakeslee are relatives.

About 1935 a letter was received from Syria stating that Mr. Isaac's mother had passed away. There was not known much about his father. Mr. Isaac's brother, Charlie Isaac, is buried in the Fountain Grove Cemetery in Bryan, and the tombstone has the dates of (1868-1912).

George and Mary Isaac were married in the Etoll home here in Bryan probably around 1901.

It appears as though his first venture in business was a fruit-candy-nut store on the north side of the square in the early 1900's. Shortly thereafter, he sold linens and soft goods from a horse and buggy in the immediate tri-state area. It is not certain how he became involved in the scrap business, but he probably accepted junk farm machinery and other types of scrap in lieu of cash. The first scrap yard was in downtown Bryan near the south-east corner of West High and Beech Streets. This later was the site of the Elder garage and is presently the paved parking lot west of the present Gorny Winzeler store. The yard was later moved out of downtown to the 200 block of South Portland Street across from the old Bryan High School.

Around 1915, he opened a yard in the 400 block of North Lynn Street at the corner of Lynn and Edgerton Streets and close to the New York Central railroad tracks. The family home was adjacent to the yard. In 1926, he constructed a 60' x 120' concrete block building for the sale of new and used tires as well as used auto parts. Arthur Spletzer, Sr. was the contractor for this project. This building as well as other buildings that were added are presently the site of Isaac Tire, Inc. This property is still owned by the family, but the ownership of the business operation is by outside unrelated third parties.

During the 1930's and prior to his death in January 1941, and with the help of his oldest daughter, Rosa, he purchased a few residential properties for rental purposes. A vacant parcel of land on East Wilson and Union (still presently owned by the company), and parcels of land on the abandoned Evansport Road and East Perry Street, which served for the site of the Bryan scrap operation until recently, were also purchased. He started the businesses which resulted in The Isaac Corporation (scrap iron and metals) and Isaac Property Company (shopping center and commercial real estate development).

The nine children in order of age were Rosa, Sadie, Mose, Adelle, Cora, Charles, Gladys, Marion, and George Jr.

Mr. George Isaac passed away in 1941 and Mary Isaac in 1946, both at the age of 65.

Richard DeGroff

RICHARD DEGROFF

Richard Laser DeGroff was born in Williams County, Ohio, on November 11, 1921, to Clarence E. and Florence (Laser) DeGroff. Dick was the fifth in a family of eleven, which consisted of ten boys and one girl. He died on August 22, 1997, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Dick began his business career as an eight year old by selling copies of the Bryan Press "on the square", a much coveted beat. It was here that he first met many Bryan businessmen whom he admired and who remained role models, friends, and supporters through the years. He also worked as a caddy at Orchard Hills Country Club, and, at age sixteen, paid the sixteen dollars required to become a junior member. Through the years he claimed the OHCC championship title six times.

A life-long athlete, he excelled at basketball. In elementary school he was a member of the Bryan Midgets, and, in high school, a member of the 1940 team that played in the state tournament.

Dick served in the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific during World War II as a radioman and gunner on a B-24. He was wounded during a raid on Truk in 1944 for which he received a Purple Heart.

After being discharged in June of 1945, he attended Ohio State University and then, together with his brother, Harold, purchased the Roy Snyder men's clothing store located on the northeast corner of High and Lynn street in Bryan, and renamed it DeGroff Brother's Haberdashery.

In 1951, he joined the Andres-O'Neil Insurance Agency, and remained with that firm for thirty-five years, becoming a partner, and serving as vice-president until his retirement in 1986.

Dick enjoyed a deep-rooted interest in his community, and served it in many ways. He felt that life in Bryan had been very good for him and he welcomed opportunities to serve. Always maintaining his interest in athletics, he was an active supporter of the community sports scene for young people. He was instrumental in the formation of Little League in Bryan, and served as the first president of that organization. He served on the board and as president of the Bryan Recreational Council, and was public address announcer at high school football games for many years.

Dick was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Bryan Chamber of Commerce, and a board member at Orchard Hills Country Club. He was chairman of events such as the local golf pro-am which benefited the Williams County Cancer Society.

Dick and Patricia (Foglesong) were married in December, 1945, in the Methodist church, then located on the corner of Butler and Beech Streets. They had five children, Michael, Thomas, Anne, Amy and Jane - all graduates of Bryan High School. Their daughter, Anne, died in 1973 at age 22.

Although following retirement Dick lived a few years in Michigan and a few months in Arizona, his love of and interest in Bryan remained steadfast. He sincerely felt Bryan was the perfect place to have grown up, lived, worked, and raised his children.

His family is most appreciative of the donations from family and friends that have made this memorial fund possible.

MEMORIALS

Hugh A. & Audrey E. Lindsey Memorial Fund	$ 11,609.00
Beattie-Cooper Memorial Fund	5,595.00
Cass and Demah Cullis	10,308.00
Russell K. Mignery Memorial Fund	6,150.00
Arthur G. Spangler Memorial Fund	20,000.00
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Goldie Newman Animal Humane Fund	20,498.00
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Howard C. & Mary Allene Hawk Memorial Fund	10,100.00
Lemuel and Marjorie Hawk Fund	201,603.00
Louys & Ida Juillard Memorial Fund	44,443.00
Jack Greene Memorial Fund	20,500.00
Orville Dally Memorial Fund	14,028.00
Flora Dale Krouse Memorial Fund	23,500.00
4-H Fund	31,273.00
Williams County Conservation Fund	37,005.00
Mr. & Mrs. T. R. Spangler Fund	10,830.00
Wayne Daniel Shaffer Memorial Fund	5,000.00
E. G. (Ned) Mitchell Memorial Fund	5,500.00
Dale R. Bard Memorial Fund	70,000.00
Kathryn C. McCord Memorial Fund	10,000.00
Thelma Oberlin Ford Memorial Scholarship Fund	10,659.00
The Patterson Family Memorial Fund	150,936.00
Carrie Critchfield Memorial Fund	10,000.00
Gladys E. Isaac Memorial Fund	10,000.00
Dr. Glen & Iva Biddle Memorial Fund	8,000.00
Forest E. Witzerman Memorial Fund	5,520.00
Maurice C. Shankster Memorial Scholarship Fund	5,000.00
George Mellott Memorial Fund	7,225.00
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Wayne & Beulah Hulbert Memorial Scholarship Fund	5,000.00
William H. Ford/Henry E. Ford Fund	5,859.00
Sadie Margaret Isaac Memorial Fund	10,000.00
Harvey D. & Helen Carlin Memorial Fund	10,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. Grant Brown Fund	5,070.00
Robert D. & Mary Lowe Memorial Fund	7,083.00
Robert D. and Eugenia M. Poynter Memorial Family Fund	5,600.00
Herbert & Lura Spangler Fund	5,000.00
Sandy Carrico Scholarship Fund	10,150.00
Randolph O. Bard Scholarship Fund	70,000.00
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James O'Neil Memorial Fund 5,000.00
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Robert J. Boucher Memorial Fund 16,265.00
Lawrence E. & C. June Smith Fund 15,000.00
L.E. Smith Co. Scholarship Fund 25,000.00
Valerie Newcomer Memorial Scholarship Fund 9,294.00
Raymond Gibson Memorial Fund 8,655.00
Myona Gwendola & Gayle R. Calvin Memorial Fund 12,216.00
Adelle Isaac Memorial Fund 10,000.00
Paul & Florence I. McCoy Memorial Fund 108,359.00
Sara Faye English Memorial Fund 11,393.00
The Krisher & Ewing Forestry Fund 15,000.00
George M. and Maxine Armbruster Memorial Fund 5,000.00

Jerry Luce Memorial Scholarship Fund	15,500.00
Howard L. and Laurena L. Arnos Fund	75,000.00
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Kayta Mansfield Dierks Memorial Fund	15,075.00
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Bryan Youth Activities Fund	149,618.00
Ralph and Mable Scott Memorial Fund	144,646.00
Max Day Memorial Fund	7,650.00
Wendell P. and Clara B. Goebel Memorial Fund	54,276.00
Jerry Humphrey Memorial Scholarship Fund	25,000.00
May, Dema and Clark Dimler Memorial Fund	16,000.00
Marion Isaac Fund	114,849.00
Mark V. Attenweiler Memorial Fund	8,000.00
Etoll-Essi-Isaac Fund	25,000.00
Catherine Markey Anderson Library Fund	86,890.00
Marquard J. Anderson Fund	29,970.00
Black Swamp Audobon Sanctuary	61,678.00
Betty and Gib Fenton Memorial Fund	15,392.00
Terry Nolin Memorial Fund	9,102.00
Ryan Bommer Memorial Scholarship Fund	25,888.00
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Academic Booster Club Fund	13,602.00
Clarice Moats Memorial Fund	25,683.00
Dorothy Young Memorial Fund	25,000.00
Robert T. Lowe Memorial Fund	5,040.00
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Dale Hallock Memorial Fund	5,000.00
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Virginia Ellis Fund	5,050.00
Dr. Frederick W. and Susan F. Richardson	5,000.00
Dorothy Bently Fund	48,816.00
Mary (Adel) and George Azar Isaac Fund	200,000.00
Richard DeGroff Memorial Fund	5,000.00
Edgerton High School Scholarship Fund	19,000.00

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1980 . . . . . John B. Dwyer

1981 . . . . . Forest E. Witzerman

1982 . . . . . Rosa Isaac

1983 . . . . . Howard Rogge

1984 . . . . . Lemuel L. Hawk

1985 . . . . . G. Grant Brown

1986 . . . . . Ernestine B. Spangler

1987 . . . . . Arthur Spletzer, Jr.

1988 . . . . . Neva Ringer

1989 . . . . . John & Fritzi Hartman

1990 . . . . . Mildred Mayberry

1991 . . . . . Luke & Mary Thaman

1992 . . . . . Thomas A. Voigt

1993 . . . . . Thomas M. Herman

1994 . . . . . Anthony Gretick

1995 . . . . . William S. Pepple, Jr.

1996 . . . . . George Isaac, Jr.

1997 . . . . . John and Ruth Markey

Marquard and Catherine Anderson

Robert and Joyce Markey

1998 . . . . . Paul and June Webster